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Annual Reports of the

TOWN of BELCHERTOWN

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31

1951

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Town Officers, 1951

MODERATOR

Lewis H. Blackmer	Term expires February 1952

TOWN CLERK, TREASURER, COLLECTOR OF TAXES AND TOWN COLLECTOR

William E. Shaw	Term expires February 1952

SELECTMEN, BOARD OF HEALTH AND BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

Isaac A. Hodgen	Term expires February 1952
Francis M. Austin	Term expires February 1952
Edward Germain	Term expires February 1952

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Fanny G. Morey	Term expires February 1952
Walter Paige Piper	Term expires February 1953
E. Clifton Witt	Term expires February 1954

PLANNING BOARD

Byron A. Hudson	Term expires February 1956
Everett A. Geer	Term expires February 1955
Frederick D. Farley	Term expires February 1954
Bruce W. Grover	Term expires February 1953
Robert J. Braden	Term expires February 1952

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

Fred F. Dewey	Term expires February 1954
Charles F. Austin	Term expires February 1953
George A. Poole	Term expires February 1952

ASSESSORS

William F. Kimball, Jr.	Term expires February 1954
Frederick E. Lincoln	Term expires February 1953
George E. Booth	Term expires February 1952

SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Milton C. Baggs	Term expires February 1954
D. Donald Hazen	Term expires February 1953
Ella A. Stebbins	Term expires February 1952

TREE WARDEN

Edward B. Conkey	Term expires February 1952

CONSTABLES

Ernest M. Gay	Term expires February 1952
Frank L. Gold	Term expires February 1952
D. Donald Hazen	Term expires February 1952
Nelson J. Hill	Term expires February 1952
Andrew T. Sears	Term expires February 1952

ALMONERS OF WHITING STREET AND MRS. SUSAN M. D. BRIDGMAN FUNDS

Mrs. Amy B. Witt	Term expires February 1952
Mrs. Sophia M. Pero	Term expires February 1952

TRUSTEES OF CALVIN BRIDGMAN FUND

D. Donald Hazen	Term expires February 1952
Lewis H. Blackmer	Term expires February 1953
George A. Poole	Term expires February 1954

APPOINTIVE OFFICERS

TRUSTEE FOR HAMP. CO. AID TO AGRICULTURE

Robert E. Hanifin	Term expires February 1952

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Ella A. Stebbins	Term expires December 1953

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Alice T. Flaherty	Term expires February 1954
Roy G. Shaw	Term expires February 1953
Raymond T. Beaudoin	Term expires February 1952

William E. Shaw (ex officio)

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Hudson Holland	Term expires February 1954
Ralph W. Trombly	Term expires February 1953
Elliott S. Cordner	Term expires February 1953
Romeo J. Joyal	Term expires February 1952
Aubrey Lapolice	Term expires February 1952

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS

Joseph Kulig

FIRE CHIEF AND FOREST WARDEN

Joseph J. Kempkes, Sr.

MOTH SUPERINTENDENT

Edward B. Conkey

CHIEF OF POLICE

Frank L. Gold

SPECIAL AGENT FOR BOARD OF HEALTH

Dr. Henry A. Tadgell

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

Dr. Francis M. Austin

INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING

John R. Newman

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Raymond C. Gay

INSPECTOR OF WIRING

Harry E. Sessions

SPECIAL POLICE

Dr. Henry A. Tadgell	
Thomas P. Feeney	
George B. Wyman	State School
Merle H. Mason	State School
Paul T. Austin	State School
Frank E. Farrington, Sr.	State School
Leon A. Geoffroy	State School
Joseph B. Keefe	State School
Reo L. Terrien	State School
Daniel H. Schwartz	State School
J. Earle Penn	State School
Clarence Hubbard	School Traffic
Henry R. Berger	School Traffic
Rose Wenzel	Street List
Minnie Flaherty	Street List
Helen Plant	Street List
Robert E. White	Dog Officer

PUBLIC WEIGHERS

Harry L. Ryther	
H. Morgan Ryther	
Helena Brown	
Elwyn Hayes	
John P. Harrington	State School
John E. Davis	State School
Paul T. Austin	State School
Sebastian E. Dudek	State School
Eustis E. Beattie	State School
John M. Connelly	State School
Patrick J. Nagle	State School
Theodore M. Picard	State School
John T. Flaherty	State School
Chester Sosnowski	State School
Aubrey D. Lapolice	State School

MEASURERS OF WOOD AND LUMBER

Edwin F. Shumway
Raymond C. Gay
Theron V. Pratt

FENCE VIEWERS AND FIELD DRIVERS

Rudolph Smola
Alvin H. Bush
Robert E. White

DEPUTY FOREST FIRE WARDENS

Kenneth F. Bristol
Guy C. Allen, Jr.
Isaac A. Hodgen
Roy G. Shaw
Carl J. Peterson

MEMBERS BELCHERTOWN FIRE DEPARTMENT

Joseph J. Kempkes, Chief
Isaac A. Hodgen, Assistant Chief
Kenneth F. Bristol, Captain
Roy G. Shaw, Lieutenant
Joseph J. Kempkes, Jr., Lieutenant
Carl J. Peterson, Lieutenant
Louis A. Shumway
Sherman Gould
Guy C. Allen, Jr.
Nelson J. Hill
Charles F. Austin
John Wood
Louis E. Fuller
Dr. Jamss L. Collard
Dr. Kenneth L. Collard
John A. Collis
William N. Webster
William H. Squires, Jr.
Royal K. Gay
Richard W. Lofland
Harold F. Peck
J. Raymond Gould
Ernest Gay
Walter P. Piper
Frederick E. Lincoln
George M. Dewey
William F. Kimball, Jr.
Rev. George B. Taylor
Doris L. Labrecque

GRAND JUROR

Albert Dudek

TRAVERSE JURORS

February
Harry Plant
Lester W. Beaudoin

April
Henry R, Berger
Gould Ketchen

June
Arthur F. Henneman
Michael Krawiec

October
William E. Aldrich
Daniel W. McPhee

VETERANS' AGENT

Edward Germain

Report of Selectmen

Following the customary procedure, the Board organized at the first weekly Thursday night meeting following the election, and appointed Isaac A. Hodgen as chairman of the Board of Selectmen, Edward L. Germain chairman of the Board of Public Welfare and Veterans' Agent, and secretary of the Board of Selectmen, Francis M. Austin chairman of the Board of Health.

During the rest of the year, regular weekly Thursday night meetings were held in the Selectmen's rooms, Memorial Hall, at eight o'clock. Mr. Joseph Kulig was appointed Road Superintendent. During the year Mr. Kulig did an excellent job in carrying out his duties. We must fully realize that our town has one hundred and four miles of highway to maintain and with the shortage of help and equipment, it is no easy task to supervise.

The next appointment of great interest was that of Fire Chief. The Board appointed Mr. Joseph Kempkes to fill that position, a position that Mr. Kempkes well knew. Beginning in April, Chief Robert F. Ulm of the Easthampton Fire Department, with the assistance of Chief Kempkes, made a survey and study of the Belchertown Fire Department. After these two men surveyed and studied our Town and Department, Mr. Ulm submitted a 13-page report of facts, information and recommendations to be considered. A paragraph from Mr. Ulm's report is as follows:

"The town of Belchertown has had a great many new homes erected within its boundaries in the past few years. Many of these home-owners are employed in neighboring communities but have chosen a smaller town in which to reside. Because of the fact that there has been and most likely will be more construction within the town and because the cost of replacing a building lost by fire has increased considerably, the Town of Belchertown should assume the responsibility of providing a fire department which can operate efficiently and provide the protection to life and property which the citizens of Belchertown deserve in combatting our common enemy—Fire."

Our other appointments of interest are as follows:

Mr. Frank L. Gold was appointed Chief of Police. Mr. Edward B. Conkey was appointed Moth Superintendent. Mr. Robert A. White was appointed Dog Officer. Alice Flaherty was appointed to the Board of Registrars of Voters. Mr. George A. Poole was appointed Cemetery Commissioner to fill in the unexpired term of Howard H. Dickinson who resigned February 15, 1951. All other appointments will appear in the Town Report.

The town departments did an excellent job in the performance of their duties. Due to the high cost of living and the added expense for materials, they followed their budgets as closely as could be expected. We wish to thank each and every member for their close cooperation in their relationships with the Board.

ISAAC A. HODGEN
EDWARD L. GERMAIN
FRANCIS M. AUSTIN
Selectmen of Belchertown

Report of Board of Public Welfare

This department has experienced a lower case load with a decrease in expenditures in all categories of assistance during 1951. Recipients needing care continue to be cared for in their own homes so far as is possible and practical, there being only four cases in nursing homes at this time. Visits were made to the recipients regularly at which time their circumstances and problems were discussed and their cases reviewed. During the year the decisions of the local Board were contended by recipients in five appeal cases, all of which were decided in favor of the local Board.

Public Welfare programs were extensively influenced by State legislation in 1951. Chapter 118 was amended to include Disability Assistance, which became effective November 1, 1951. This set up a new category of public assistance by providing assistance to needy persons over eighteen years of age who are permanently and totally disabled and who have resided in the Commonwealth for one year immediately preceding the date of their application. Assistance includes financial assistance, payment for medical care, and a program of rehabilitation. The combined federal and state participation in this program in both aid and administration amounts to 75%. Two local cases were transferred to Disability Assistance which were being carried in other categories of assistance.

Other legislation of interest was the cost of living increase, effective October 1, 1951, which increased Old Age Assistance and Aid to Dependent Children grants 5.9%. Also affecting

Old Age Assistance was the increased minimum in grants, effective January 1, 1952, which will increase total Old Age Assistance grants $350.00 a month in this town. Children's exemptions in Old Age Assistance were increased $500, thus reducing considerably the amount contributed by children to the support of their parents. An enforceable lien provision was passed. Federal grants in Old Age Assistance were disbursed to the cities and towns on an estimated basis, subject to audit, which resulted in the town receiving federal reimbursement covering fourteen months instead of twelve, and accounts for the large balance in the Federal Grants Aid Account.

The statistical and financial reports for this Board for 1951 follow. It should be noted that the cash expenditures in payments in aid in Old Age Assistance and Aid to Dependent Children do not reflect a true picture, since each should be increased by one payroll, due to the first payroll of 1951 having been dated in 1950. Therefore, the amount of the payroll for January 1, 1951, for Old Age Assistance and Aid to Dependent Children will be included in the expenditures in a separate item. The credit as shown in Aid to Dependent Children reflects the decrease in expenditures in this category. Reimbursements from the State are in arrears and, therefore, were based on higher previous expenditures in this category. Also to be noted is the fact that no reimbursement has been forthcoming as yet on the new Disability Assistance program, since it became operative so near the close of the year.

STATISTICAL REPORT:

	OAA	ADC	DA	GR
Number of cases Jan. 1, 1951	71	3	0	5
Transferred to town from other towns	3	0	0	0
New applications approved	8	0	2	4
Reapplications approved	4	0	0	2
Applications rejected	1	0	0	0
Cases closed by death	8	0	0	0
Transferred from town	3	0	0	3

	OAA	ADC	DA	GR
Attained technical ineligibility	6	2	0	6
Number of persons aided in 1951	82	11	2	25
Number of cases aided in 1951	82	3	2	9
Number of cases Dec. 31, 1951	69	1	2	0
Division of Child Guardianship				1

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Old Age Assistance

Expenditures		
Local payments	$55,041.90	
Payroll Jan. 1, 1951	1,712.48	
Total aid in grants	$56,754.38	
To other cities and towns	1,233.13	
Total expense		$57,987.51
Receipts		
Federal grants in aid	$26,469.56	
State reimbursement	22,347.04	
From other cities and towns	1,025.51	
Cancelled checks and refunds	297.59	
Old Age Assistance meals tax	1,124.74	
Total receipts		51,264.44
Net cost for Old Age Assistance		$6,723.07

Aid to Dependent Children

Expenditures		
Local payments	$2,113.05	
Payroll Jan. 1, 1951	156.35	
Total expense		$2,269.40
Receipts		
Federal grants in aid	1,144.53	
State reimbursement	1,180.48	
Total receipts		2,325.01
Credit for Aid to Dependent Children		$55.61

Disability Assistance

Expenditures		
Local payments	$230.48	
Total expense		$230.48
Total cost for Disability Assistance		$230.48

General Relief

Expenditures		
Local payments	$735.76	
To other cities and towns	21.30	
Division of Child Guardianship	526.88	
Tewksbury State Hospital	965.92	
Hospital bill of previous year	109.95	
Total expense		$2,359.81
Receipts		
From individuals	255.75	
From other cities and towns	270.91	
State reimbursement	255.07	
Total receipts		781.73
Net cost for General Relief		$1,578.08

Administration

Expenditures		
Board of Public Welfare	$425.00	
Salaries	2,447.55	
Clerical	10.00	
Travel	160.30	
Telephone	123.02	
Supplies	128.03	
Postage	83.40	
Other	103.85	
Legal	291.50	
Total expense		$3,772.65

Receipts		
Federal administrative grant OAA	1,188.80	
Federal administrative grant ADC	59.86	
Total receipts		1,248.66
Net cost for administration		$2,523.99

Recapitulation

	Expenses	Receipts	Net Cost
Old Age Assistance	$57,987.51	$51,264.44	$6,723.07
Aid to Dependent Children	2,269.40	2,325.01	* 55.61
Disability Assistance	230.48		230.48
General Relief	2,359.81	781.73	1,578.08
Administration	3,772.65	1,248.66	2,523.99
Total	$66,619.85	$55,619.84	$11,000.01

*Credit

Net cost to town for Public Welfare for 1951 $11,000.01

EDWARD L. GERMAIN
ISAAC A. HODGEN
FRANCIS M. AUSTIN
Board of Public Welfare

Lena N. Wilson, *Welfare Agent*

Report of Veterans' Aid

The year opened with no cases receiving Veterans' Benefits. During the year two cases were aided, and the year closed with one active case.

The following shows the expenses for the year:

Expenses		
Local payments	$230.00	
Administrative expense	28.20	
Total expenses		$258.20
Receipts		
State reimbursement	7.26	
Total receipts		7.26
Net cost for Veterans' Benefits		$250.94
Burial allowance		50.00
Total cost for Veterans' Aid in 1951		$300.94

EDWARD L. GERMAIN
Veterans' Agent

Report of the Board of Health

The reportable diseases are again this year at a low figure. Of the fifty-seven contagious diseases reported, twenty-eight were from the State School.

The health records indicate that the following cases were reported:

	Town	State School
Mumps	13	1
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	0	5
Scarlet Fever	1	0
Chicken Pox	0	14
Dog Bite	7	0
Whooping Cough	7	0
Dysentery	0	7
Paratyphoid	0	1
Measles	1	0
Total	29	28

Inspections were made, and complaints brought to the attention of the Board were investigated.

FRANCIS M. AUSTIN
EDWARD L. GERMAIN
ISAAC A. HODGEN
Board of Health

Report of Assessors

The money to pay the cost of operating the town is derived from:

1. Taxation of real estate, personal estate and polls.
2. Grants, gifts and reimbursements from the Commonwealth and Federal Governments, and from other cities and towns.
3. Receipts of departments, available funds.
4. Licenses, permits and fines.
5. Miscellaneous other sources.

The amount to be raised by taxation was determined in this way:

The amount to be raised in the fiscal year		$232,638.83
Other expenses for the year:		
State parks and reservations	$523.81	
State audit	15.27	539.08
County tax		10,247.51
Overlay of current year		5,012.49
Gross amount to be raised		$248,437.91
Expected revenue from the Commonwealth and all other sources was estimated as	$108,714.72	
Taken from available funds	29,597.70	138,312.42
Deducting the expected revenue from the total expected expenditures gave the sum to be raised by taxation as		$110,125.49

Total valuation:		
Personal property		$431,134.00
Real estate:		
Buildings	$1,153,625.00	
Land	500,985.00	1,654,610.00
Total tax levy at $52:		
Personal property	22,413.77	
Real estate	86,039.72	108,453.49
Polls (836)		1,672.00
		$110,125.49
Added assessments:		
Real estate	$800.00	41.60
Personal property	500.00	26.00

GEORGE E. BOOTH
FREDERICK E. LINCOLN
WILLIAM F. KIMBALL, JR.
Board of Assessors

Report of Collector

Real Estate Taxes of 1951		
Warrants of Assessors		$86,081.32
Payments to Treasurer	$74,830.70	
Abated	969.45	
Tax Title	10.40	
Outstandiing December 31, 1951	10,270.77	86,081.32
Real Estate Taxes of 1950		
Outstanding January 1, 1951		11,104.22
Payments to Treasurer	10,836.76	
Abated	191.02	
Tax Title	10.40	
Outstanding December 31, 1951	66.04	11,104.22
Real Estate Taxes of 1949		
Outstanding January 1, 1951		1,642.73
Payments to Treasurer	1,594.55	
Abated	38.78	
Tax Title	9.40	1,642.73
Real Estate Taxes of 1948		
Outstanding January 1, 1951		16.45
Abated	16.45	
Personal Taxes of 1951		
Warrants of Assessors		22,439.77
Payments to Treasurer	18,605.19	
Abated	26.00	
Outstanding December 31, 1951	3,808.58	22,439.77

Personal Taxes of 1950		
Outstanding January 1, 1951		3,464.24
Payments to Treasurer	3,177.54	
Abated	88.40	
Outstanding December 31, 1951	198.30	3,464.24
Personal Taxes of 1949		
Outstanding January 1, 1951		1,603.64
Payments to Treasurer	1,544.89	
Abated	58.75	1,603.64
Poll Taxes of 1951		
Warrants of Assessors		$1,682.00
Paid after abatement		4.00
Overpayment by Collector		4.00
Error in abatement		2.00
		$1,692.00
Paid Treasurer	$1,574.00	
Abatements	118.00	1,692.00
Poll Taxes of 1950		
Outstanding January 1, 1951		4.00
Paid Treasurer	4.00	
Motor Vehicle Excise of 1951		
Warrants of Assessors		21,820.99
Refunds		861.89
		$22,682.88
Paid Treasurer	20,337.63	
Abated	1,315.41	
Outstanding December 31, 1951	1,029.84	22,682.88
Motor Vehicle Excise of 1950		
Outstanding January 1, 1951		1,296.21
Warrants of Assessors		103.45
Paid after Abatement		6.06

Audit Adjustment		.01
		$1,509.17
Paid Treasurer	1,140.90	
Abatements	368.27	1,509.17
Sewer Charges of 1951		
Warrants of Commissioners		2,709.57
Paid Treasurer	2,318.33	
Abatements	120.00	
Outstanding December 31, 1951	271.24	2,709.57
Sewer Charges of 1950		
Outstanding January 1, 1951		142.50
Paid Treasurer	142.50	

WILLIAM E. SHAW,
Collector of Taxes and Town Collector

Report of Treasurer

Dr.	
Cash in Treasury January 1, 1951	$86,785.96
Receipts January 1 to December 31, 1951	339,726.25
	$426,512.21
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Warrants of Selectmen and Town Accountant	$305,060.15
Cash in Treasury December 31, 1951	121,452.06
	$426,512.21
Invested Fund	
United States Treasury Notes	$20,000.00
Post War Rehabilitation Fund	
Deposits	597.58
Trust Funds	
Whiting Street Fund	$8,841.23
Susan M. D. Bridgman Poor Fund	3,500.00
George D. Longley School Music Fund	2,584.41
Calvin Bridgman High School Fund	6,866.26
Calvin Bridgman Library Fund	4,012.00
Willard A. Stebbins Cemetery Fence Fund	5,023.46
Susan M. D. Bridgman Cemetery Fund	418.59
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	24,203.04

WILLIAM E. SHAW, *Town Treasurer*

Report of Town Clerk

Marriage Intentions filed		29
Marriages recorded		32
Births recorded: 30 males, 37 females		67
Deaths recorded: 28 males, 21 females		49
Sporting licenses issued		459
Duplicate licenses issued		1
Free sporting licenses issued		29
Dog licenses issued		451
Male	281	
Female	48	
Spayed	112	
Kennel	6	
Military	3	
Transfer	1	
Gross receipts for dog licenses		$1,101.00
Mortgages, Bills of Sale, etc., recorded		127

WILLIAM E. SHAW, *Town Clerk*

(see Appendix for details)

Report of Tree Warden

Selectmen of Belchertown
Gentlemen:

Dutch Elm Disease is becoming more prevalent in town in spite of spraying and removal of infected trees. At present, the Department of Conservation requires each Tree Warden to do his own scouting, taking samples and sending them to the U. of M. for lab confirmation.

Several trees on the common have reached the hazardous stage and need immediate attention. I urge a larger approrpriation for both Dutch Elm and Tree Warden work.

I have attended the monthly meetings of the Western Massachusetts Tree Wardens' and Moth Superintendents' Association, an organization formed in June of the year, to bring together tree men and their problems from large cities, as well as smaller towns, where we have a chance to meet men from The Shade Tree Lab. at Amherst, the Department of Conservation, Insect Pest Control, U. S. Department of Agriculture and commercial tree men, all of whom have one goal—the betterment of shade trees in Massachusetts.

My thanks to the selectmen and the citizens of the town.

EDWARD B. CONKEY,
Tree Warden

Report of Fire Chief and Forest Warden

Board of Selectmen
Belchertown, Massachusetts
Gentlemen:

The Department has responded to 55 calls during the past year:

12 Building Fires
1 Car
24 Brush or Forest Fires
18 Emergency calls for Ambulance

The estimated value of buildings involved was $58,000. The estimated damage to buildings was $1,725. The amount of insurance paid on the damage was $1,100.

The fine cooperation of the officers and members of the Department, plus the prompt notification of fires on the part of the public, has made it possible to confine damage to a minimum in most cases, for which I want to express my thanks.

The Report of Study and Survey of the Department, made by Chief Robert F. Ulm of the Easthampton Fire Department, made to you on April 26th, and my recommendation made to you on September 26th and 29th, are in the hands of a Committee appointed by the Town.

I consider favorable action on these recommendations essential to enable the Department to furnish the protection that the Citizens of Belchertown have a right to expect.

Respectfully,
JOSEPH J. KEMPKES
Chief and Forest Warden

Report of Chief of Police

To the Board of Selectmen
Belchertown, Mass.
Gentlemen:

Following is a list of the number of arrests for crimes committed during the year 1951:

Indecent Assault	1
Assault to Commit Rape	1
Allowing an improper person to operate	1
Driving a motor vehicle after revocation	2
Larceny	1
Driving a motor vehicle while intoxicated	8
Cruelty to Animals	1
Disturbing the Peace	2
Driving to Endanger	5
Drunkenness	18
Violating Fish and Game Laws	4
Violating Motor Vehicle Excise Laws	24
Neglect of a Minor Child	1
Resisting Arrest	1
Total	70

Many investigations were made, most of them arising from automobile accidents.

Emphasis was placed on policing the center of the Town on evenings and Saturday and Sunday afternoons, with gratifying results. However, if this policy is continued ample funds must be provided. The officers are underpaid. They are receiving $1.00 per hour and furnishing an automobile without charge to the Town.

A serious traffic problem has arisen, as a result of motorists parking their cars in the middle of the Square at the South end of the Common. This space should be reserved for busses. Authorization should be given the Department to permit parking within the Common to relieve congestion in the Square. Several accidents involving moving vehicles and illegally parked cars have been investigated. The owner of an illegally parked car cannot collect damages from the owner of a vehicle being operated legally. Parking within the Common would solve the traffic problem.

I wish to express my appreciation for the excellent cooperation given me by the other officers of this Department.

Respectfully submitted,
FRANK L. GOLD
Chief of Police

Report of Inspector of Wires

To the Selectmen of Belchertown:

In 1951 I have inspected 39 wiring jobs that were completed by electricians other than myself, and in most cases, found good work.

Yours truly,
H. E. SESSIONS,
Inspector of Wires

Report of Director of Civil Defense

After establishing the local Civil Defense Agency, the first steps taken were to determine the best plan of organization for this particular community. Taking into consideration the recommendations of the federal and state agencies, we also talked to the Directors of nearby and small communities of our own size and with problems similar to our own, then proceeded to form our own plan.

The first glaring problem was the lack of funds with which to carry out a complete plan. On the local level it was felt at first that state and federal grants would ease the burden of financing the program, but it soon became apparent that the program would have to be financed on the local level. Thus we had to proceed with those parts of the program that could be accomplished with the least cost.

The organization of personnel was started with the appointment of the department heads and advisory board. Training of the department heads was begun with the distribution of available training literature on their respective departments. Personnel to fill the department billets were not forthcoming as was expected from volunteers. Public apathy to the Civil Defense Program was and still is apparent. Out of the letters sent to every family in town asking for volunteers, only one person responded. There was no alternative than to individually solicit the townspeople for the necessary personnel. This problem of personnel has taken much of the Director's time that could have been spent in other channels.

The best location for a control center seems to be at the Belchertown State School, for that is the only place in the community that has a twenty-four hour watch that could monitor an alert alarm radio. Cost has held up action on this project.

James McKillop has been appointed your new Director and I will be his Deputy Director. His appointment was a wise choice and he will be an excellent and enthusiastic Director, but he can succeed only if he receives the necessary support of the citizens of Belchertown and by support I mean your voluntary enlistment into the Civil Defense Program. Several hundred volunteers are needed to set up a complete program.

Please call Mr. McKillop as soon as possible and volunteer your services. Remember—the men in Korea are giving the supreme sacrifice for the cause of Freedom. The battle now is far away but it could be in your backyard tomorrow. Will we be prepared?

HARVEY W. DICKINSON
Civil Defense Director

Report of Dog Officer

Belchertown, Mass.
January 2, 1952

Selectmen of Belchertown
Gentlemen:

I have picked up 32 stray dogs, found owners for six and destroyed 26. There were no dogs sold.

Taxes were collected on 42 dogs, 25 males, 10 females, 7 spays and one (1) kennel of (less than 4). This amounted to $124.00, which was turned over to William Shaw, Town Tax Collector and Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,
ROBERT A. WHITE
Dog Officer

Report of Sewer Commissioners

The Board of Sewer Commissioners herewith submit the first annual report.

The sewer was completed on the right of way to Federal Street and extended southerly to a point near H. B. Ketchen's farm, and house connections installed to the abutting houses.

The sewer was extended on Old Springfield Road to the house of Philip Labrecque.

The sewer on Cottage Street was extended to the home of Byron Hudson and the Fire Station.

During the year 18 new entrances have been made to sewer, making a total of 138.

At the request of the State Board of Health, the firm of Tighe & Bond, Engineers, was employed to determine the cause of the infiltration of an excessive amount of ground water in the sewer.

There is approximately 2,600 linear feet of sewer still to be constructed to complete the sewer from near the home of Clarence Pierce to Webster's Filling Station.

Our engineers, Tighe & Bond, estimate this will cost $9,750. There is on hand approximately $750 worth of material, leaving a balance of $9,000 to be appropriated to finish the job.

MILTON C. BAGGS
D. DONALD HAZEN
ELLA A. STEBBINS
Board of Sewer Commissioners

Report of the Summer Recreation Committee

To the Citizens of Belchertown:

Parsons Field was again the background for a well developed and well executed recreational program during the summer, under the directorship of Chester Eisold, teacher and coach of the High School faculty. The use of several of our high school students as assistants to the director not only gave better supervision, but gave these youngsters some training in this field.

Again we thank sincerely those parents, who aided so generously in time and materials to this project, and to Lincoln Cook for the use of his bus, and all others who assisted with the transportation angle.

We hope for the continued support and success of this work, and a possible expansion of its facilities.

WILLARD H. YOUNG
E. CLIFTON WITT
ISAAC A. HODGEN

Report of Old Town Hall Committee

To the Citizens of Belchertown:

During the past year, because of the steady increase of our school population, it became necessary to provide classroom space in the Old Town Hall. Recognizing that this arrangement was not ideal from the educational standpoint, however we do feel that the town was fortunate in having this building in shape and available to meet this emergency.

Suitable arrangements were made with the School Committee, whereby continued use of the hall for recreational activities was carried out.

Thanks to the Belchertown P. T. A., another section of bleachers has been installed. We appreciate their interest and generosity.

The Committee has under consideration improvements needed in the lighting system, which time and the increased need of better illumination, has proved to be inadequate.

Due to the fact that the School Dept. has assumed the costs of the services connected with the hall, the budget request for this coming year has been materially reduced.

WILLARD H. YOUNG
E. CLIFTON WITT
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Annual Report

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

ORGANIZATION

School Committee

	Term Expires
E. CLIFTON WITT, Chairman	1954
WALTER P. PIPER	1953
MRS. FANNY G. MOREY	1952

Superintendent of Schools and Secretary of School Committee

CARL J. PETERSON Residence, So. Main St., Belchertown
Telephone: Residence, 4791
Office: 3111

Secretary and Clerk

Mrs. May Rose Dewey, Residence, No. Main St., Belchertown
Telephone: 3591

Meetings of School Committee

At 7.30 P. M. on the second Wednesday of the Month

School Nurse

MRS. MINNIE DAVIS, R. N., Res.: So. Main St., Belchertown
Telephone: 4051

School Physician

JAMES L. COLLARD, M. D. Res.: Maple St., Belchertown
Telephone: 2411

Attendance Officer

D. DONALD HAZEN Res.: Maple St., Belchertown
Telephone: 2031

No School Signal

5 Siren Signals at 7.30 A. M.

Report of School Committee

To the Citizens of Belchertown:

The most pressing problem, that of educating our boys and girls, in spite of insufficient and overcrowded classrooms to house our ever increasing school population, has been met by our teachers and administrative staff in a most creditable manner.

During the summer vacation, we continued our building renovation program. Two rooms and the front hall at the Center School and two rooms in the High School were redecorated. Also, at the High School building, a larger electric service entrance was installed, the ceiling in the boy's locker room repaired and the desk tops in one of the classrooms completely refinished. A chain link fence was erected along the entire front of the Franklin School lawn to eliminate a playground hazard. The roof on the north side of Union School was renewed and the building was painted inside and out.

When school opened in September, it was necessary to obtain another classroom, and this was accomplished by the purchase and installation of new classroom furniture in the Old Town Hall. This move provided for Grade Five, but also meant, during the winter months, the elimination of the high school boys' physical education program.

On September fifteenth, Mr. Edwin Cox, Superintendent of the Ware-Belchertown Union, resigned to accept a similar position in Franklin, Massachusetts. We regretted very much to lose Mr. Cox from our system. We found him, in the three years he was with us, to be most cooperative and always endeavoring to raise our schools to a higher standard. Mr. Carl Peterson was appointed by the joint committee as Acting Superintendent until candidates could be interviewed and a new Superintendent appointed. In the meantime, a bill was passed by the Massachusetts Legislature whereby towns of over two-million dollar valuation could by vote of the annual town meeting separate from a Superintendency Union. The Ware School Committee successfully sponsored an amendment to this bill, allowing Ware to vote on the matter at a special Town Meeting. On November seventh at a Special Town Meeting, called for that purpose, the citizens of Ware voted to dissolve the Union.

The Belchertown Committee immediately appointed Mr. Carl Peterson to the position of Superintendent of Schools.

Mr. Peterson, as teacher and administrative assistant in our schools for the past years, has been vitally and closely connected with our system. The town is most fortunate to have so capable and conscientious a person to direct the education of its youth. He never refuses to give of his time to the good of civic life.

Thus another year has passed of which the most important event was the dissolution of Union Fifty-One, which gives us a full time Superintendent of Schools.

PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET 1952

	Appropriation 1951	Appropriation 1952
1. GENERAL CONTROL	$3,625.00	$9,015.00
2. INSTRUCTION	74,380.00	74,525.00
3. OPERATION OF SCHOOL PLANT	8,376.00	11,040.00
4. REPAIRS AND REPLACEMENTS	3,000.00	3,000.00
5. HEALTH	3,190.00	3,250.00
6. TRANSPORTATION	17,400.00	17,650.00
7. MISCELLANEOUS	550.00	450.00
8. HOUSEHOLD ARTS	3,970.00	3,800.00
9. CAPITAL OUTLAY	500.00	500.00
	114,991.00	123,230.00

At a special town meeting held October 8th, an additional sum of	$3,650.00
was appropriated, making the total appropriation for 1951	$118,641.00

Section 10 of School Aid, Chapter 643, Acts of 1948, requires School Committees, when submitting their school budgets, to include an estimate of the following receipts:

Group A.		
1. School Aid, Chapter 643	$29,495.13	
2. Transportation	14,054.00	
3. Superintendent Reimbursement	2,743.74	
4. Vocational Household Arts	1,692.79	47,985.66
Group B.		
1. Tuition for non-resident pupils	399.73	
2. Tuition and Transportation of State Wards	11,943.92	
3. George Barden Fund	75.00	
4. Smith Hughes Fund	105.08	12,523.73
		$60,509.39

Total to be expended for support of Schools		123,230.00	
Minus: Group A.	47,985.66		
Group B.	12,523.73	60,509.39	62,720.61
Approximate amount to be raised by local taxation			62,720.61

Respectfully submitted,

E. CLIFTON WITT
FANNY G. MOREY
WALTER P. PIPER
School Committee

Report of Superintendent of Schools

Members of the School Committee and Citizens of Belchertown.

I am submitting herewith my first annual report on the Belchertown Public Schools.

In this, my initial report as Superintendent of Schools, I wish to express to the School Committee my sincere appreciation for the confidence they have placed in my ability to supervise and administer the schools. In the short period of time that I have been privileged to serve as full time Superintendent, I have made no changes that I feel are worthy of note or report at this time. I hope that the educational program that I shall try to carry out in Belchertown will serve as testimony of my efforts. In subsequent years, if I am privileged to continue these reports, my writing will be concerned mainly with recommendations that I feel will provide greater educational opportunity to our boys and girls.

In the report of the School Committee are outlined the administrative changes during the past year. The major improvements to the various school buildings will also be noted in that report. I shall outline the personnel changes.

In September, it was necessary to provide another classroom at the intermediate grade level. The Old Town Hall Committee agreed to the use of that building as a school, and furniture and other equipment was purchased to outfit one classroom in the building. By utilizing this building, it was possible to transfer the fourth grade from Union to the Center School, thereby eliminating an overcrowded classroom and unbalanced teaching load at Union School. The majority of the fifth grade pupils were transferred from the Center School to the Old Town Hall. Miss Ruth Rietzel of Waterbury, Conn., was hired to teach this grade. Miss Rietzel is a graduate of Boston University, and had three years of teaching experience prior to coming to Belchertown.

At the Center School, in September, Mrs. Marion Shaw, who had been out on a year's leave of absence, returned to her position as principal and teacher. During her absence, Miss Alice Flaherty served as Acting Principal, and Mr. Gilbert Carlson, a graduate student at Boston University, was the grade five teacher. Mrs. Elaine Webber, teacher of grades one and two at Center School, resigned in June. Miss Irene Orlando, teacher of grade one, requested a transfer to a second grade position and Mrs. Louise Dickinson of Palmer was appointed grade one teacher. Mrs. Dickinson is a graduate of Perry Normal School and is now completing her undergraduate work at Springfield College. She has had five years of previous teaching experience.

In the high school Mr. Robert Diamond, who was teacher of Mathematics and Science, resigned to accept a Federal Government position. Mr. Ronald Susee, teacher of Social Studies at the seventh and eighth grade level, was transferred to the high school position, and Miss Helen Carlin of Berlin, New Hampshire, was appointed at the junior high level. Miss Carlin is a graduate of the University of Maine and had previously taught one year. In November, Mr. William Connelly, teacher of Commercial subjects, resigned his position to go into the business field. Mrs. Angela LeGrand was elected to this position, and she began her duties on December first. Mrs. LeGrand is a graduate of Salem Teachers' College, and had three years of previous teaching experience in addition to considerable work in the business field.

It was decided to divide the coaching assignments, and Mr. Chester Eisold, who had held all coaching assignments, was given basketball, and Mr. Donald Geer was appointed coach of baseball.

Because there is no Art Supervisor at the present time, it was felt it would be advantageous to conduct an in-service training program for teachers in Art. Mr. Richard Gabel, who is a full time Art Supervisor in some of the surrounding towns, was hired to give this course.

The Evening Practical Arts program is being continued. This past fall, the interest in rug-hooking continued and a class was organized. It was not possible to organize a new class in dressmaking, since not enough people signified their desire for such a class. I hope in the future that it will be possible to develop this program, and continue the dressmaking class as well as other classes.

At Union School, Mr. William Aldrich was appointed janitor. With the expanding school facilities in the center of town, it was found necessary to turn the position of part time custodian into that of full time position. Mr. William Kimball, Jr., who had been doing part time work, was appointed full time custodian.

To provide for the safety of pupils going to and from school, the Selectmen have provided police protection at the center intersection. I wish to thank the Selectmen for continuing this very necessary and valuable service and I also wish to commend the fine spirit of cooperation and loyalty to their duty of the late Mr. Henry Berger, who served as officer during the first part of the year, and Mr. Clarence Hubbard, who is the present officer.

I feel that I would be remiss in my duty if I did not refer briefly to the proposed Elementary School Building. Each year for the past fifteen years the need for additional classroom space has become increasingly acute. A number of committees have been appointed to study the problem and suggest possible solutions. I hope that the townspeople will not fail to recognize the groundwork accomplished by these committees. During the past year the present Building Committee, capitalizing upon the experience and knowledge acquired by previous groups, in addition to the knowledge they have acquired by study and visits to new school buildings, have made real progress. When a new building is available, I am sure that many of our present school problems can be more easily and adequately solved and the Town will receive greater return from its educational investment.

In conclusion, I would like to thank all those who have indicated their willingness to cooperate with me. I would also like to state at this time that it has been a pleasure and worthwhile experience to have been associated for the past three years with Mr. Edwin Cox, my predecessor.

Respectfully submitted,

CARL J. PETERSON,

Report of High School Principal

Mr. Carl J. Peterson
Superintendent of Schools:

My annual report as Principal of Belchertown High School is herewith submitted.

The enrollment in September, 1951, was:

	Boys	Girls	Totals
Seniors	9	9	18
Juniors	6	15	21
Sophomores	21	16	37
Freshmen	24	22	46
	—	—	—
	60	62	122
Eighth Grade	30	15	45
Seventh Grade	18	24	42
Sixth Grade	19	14	33
	—	—	—
	127	115	242

During the period from September, 1951, to January, 1952, fourteen other pupils have enrolled.

The graduating class of 1951 was the largest in the history of Belchertown High School. Twenty-one girls and thirteen boys received diplomas in June. Of these graduates, Jane Hudson is enrolled at the University of New Hampshire; Robert Camp is a freshman at Springfield College; Ronald Frost and George Smith are attending the University of Massachusetts; Thomas

Bleau entered Stockbridge School of Agriculture last fall. Beverly Dorey and Eleanor Rhodes are in training to become nurses at Springfield Hospital; Catherine King, Catherine Romaniak and Irvin Shyloski are studying specialized courses at Springfield Trade School. Pfc. Milton Miller has joined the Marines and is stationed at Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, Calif. Pfc. Marjorie Smith is a member of the 3456th School Squadron, Oklahoma A & M College, Stillwater, Oklahoma. Sylvia Bouchard became Mrs. William Cook on July 28th, 1951; Joyce Austin married Edward H. Gay on December 22, 1951; Grace Doubleday, Ronald Small and William Trombly are working at home; and the other members of the class are employed, or have been employed, as follows: David Barrett at Hart Top Company, Holyoke; Ruth Crowther and Alice Doubleday, Jackson's Store; Alice Dugre, Spalding's, Chicopee; Edward Henrichon, White Aircraft; Robert Joyal, Grant's, Holyoke. Joan Kernicki is a secretary at Monsanto; Joan Kimball, Arthur's Snack Bar; Constance Noel, Newberry's, Oneonta, New York; Doris Purrington, White Aircraft; Robert Rhodes, Hartford, Connecticut; Elizabeth Robertson, Blue Swan Co., Pennsylvania; Ann Russell, telephone operator, Holyoke; Gloria Smith, Johnson's Book Store, Springfield; Theresa Sorrell, Belchertown Motor Sales; Richard Thompson, Alex Stred, Palmer; and Nancy Dearness, Grant's Store, Holyoke. Miss Dearness has recently been accepted into the Navy.

We were sorry to have Robert Diamond leave our faculty last June to accept a position with the government. Ronald Susee has succeeded him and Miss Helen Carlin teaches the social sciences at the junior high level. Miss Carlin, of Berlin, New Hampshire, is a graduate of the University of Maine.

Mr. John J. Connolly resigned as commercial teacher late in November. Mrs. Robert LeGrand of Ware was appointed to the position. Mrs. LeGrand is a graduate of the State Teachers College at Salem, Massachusetts and has had teaching experience at Woodstock, Connecticut, East Bridgewater and Ware.

We hope that Superintendent Edwin A. Cox is happy in his new position in Franklin. Mr. Cox is to be remembered for his many favors and especially to me for his pinch-hitting as speaker at the 1950 Commencement.

To you, Mr. Peterson, we extend our congratulations on your appointment as Superintendent of Schools. You have indicated in many ways that you propose to improve the Schools of Belchertown and it is our desire to assist you in every manner possible.

During the year several students from the University of Massachusetts and Springfield College have done practice teaching in the social sciences, household arts, sciences and physical education departments.

An extensive program of testing has been given this year. Tests taken by the pupils have included the Iowa Tests of Educational Development, Aptitude Tests by the Department of Employment Security, administered by officials of the Ware office, and the Boston University Interest Tests, Mental Maturity Tests, Space Relationship Tests and Manipulative Tests.

The value of a testing program is determined by its utilization. The most common administrative, instructional and guidance uses of test results are: to classify, group and place pupils; to modify the programs of study of individual pupils; to evaluate methods and materials of instruction; to report pupil progress and achievement; to discover the scholastic aptitudes of pupils and to adapt instruction in accordance with their individual levels of ability; to determine the relative achievements of pupils; to discover the high-achieving pupils and provide material which will challenge their best efforts; and, to diagnose individual pupil's weaknesses and provide remedial treatment accordingly.

Twenty seniors and five juniors have participated in the Driver Education Classes instructed by Mr. Doubleday. The purpose of the course is to make better drivers of the teen-age group and to help decrease accidents. The knowledge of the attitudes, the skills, and the understanding of physical limitations are most important. Last October a Driver Educational Clinic came to the school. Tests were given to determine vision analysis for clearness, depth perception, peripheral range, color, and sensitivity degree of illumination for each participant.

Several educational trips and tours have been taken. The Sophomore World History class, chaperoned by Mrs. Tague, Father Collins and Mr. and Mrs. Squires, visited the Worcester Presteel Company's Museum where they were especially intrigued by the J. C. Higgins collection of suits of armor, "The Cave Man Age", and the shops where steel process was taking place.

A group of students saw "Brigadoon", a musical comedy, at the University of Massachusetts, produced by the University Operetta Guild.

Mrs. Pero and Loretta Smith attended the Eastern Massachusetts Dramatic Festival held at Newton High School.

The "Oracle" staff attended the Western Massachusetts League of School Publications Conference at the University of Massachusetts. The "Oracle" was awarded the general excellence for non-letter press. Delegates attended several discussion groups where they learned a little more on how to organize better school publications.

Last April, nine sophomore girls visited the Skinner Hall at the University of Massachusetts to view the kindergarten during the morning session. Later an inspection of the new building was made. Noteworthy were the food-preparing departments and the nursery school.

The H. L. Handy meat packing plant in Chicopee was visited by the Sophomore Household Arts Girls. They were accompanied by Mrs. Jackson, Mrs. Pearl Davis, Mrs. Fred Farley and Mrs. Ruth Fuller.

Another tour was made by this same group to the Springfield Trade School where hairdressing, millinery, applied arts, home economics, medical and dental classes were observed.

Other trips included tours of Belchertown's Historical Association building, Monsanto, Wheeler's Orchard, Fuller's Milk Plant and the Springfield Hospital.

Mention should be made of the Historical Tour to Boston, sponsored by the local American Legion Post for members of the eighth grade.

Twenty pupils, guided by Mrs. Pero, have organized a Dramatic Club. Several short plays have been produced. The first play read was "Daughter of the Gods". Another production was prepared for National Education Week.

Several outside speakers have addressed certain classes or have appeared at assemblies. One of these was Robie Maynard, editor of the "Amherst Journal", who talked on the editing of a school paper. Mr. Maynard, editor of the "Collegian", the student publication of the University of Massachusetts, was able to give much practical help and advice. Another interesting talk was given by Mr. Norman Howland who discussed the various minerals with the science classes.

Much more has been done this year than ever before in the field of Visual Education under the supervision of Donald Geer, our Visual Aid Director. A number of educational films have been shown and over 30 film strips have been observed.

Three projects have been completed with Station WARE. Robert Camp and Beverly Dorey acted as disc jockeys and polled the school to see which songs the pupils preferred. They broadcasted the results last April. In May, seven members of the class of 1952 participated in a script that was in the form of a salute to West Virginia, entitled "A Message to Garcia". During April and May, regular broadcasts of school news were given on Saturday mornings.

A Good Government Day assembly is now an annual event. The Problems of Democracy class, directed by Mrs. Tague, arranges a program where candidates for office appear before the student body and tell their qualifications. Later, voting by ballot is performed and a winner determined.

An interesting assembly was held to commemorate National Education Week.

Debates have been held in many of the classes and several contests have been attempted.

The Senior Class Play, presented last March, was entitled "Professor, How Could You!" It was directed by Miss Hudson with assistance given by Mrs. Barbara Harrington.

Another Hobby Show was presented by the Civics Classes, directed by Mrs. Tague, at the Clapp Memorial Library. A large number of exhibits were on display. The interest in this project seems to be growing, as the number of visitors increases from year to year.

Belchertown High School is proud of the achievement of Robert Camp who was the winner of not only the local contest of the American Legion Oratorical Contest but also of the district, and then competed in the zone contest. With so many schools involved, Robert's achievement was very noteworthy.

Two invitations were received to basketball tournaments this year. One was to defend the Tri-state championship which was won last year. The second was to go to the University of Massachusetts Small Schools Tournament. The latter was selected, and Belchertown High School was defeated by Smith Academy in a close, hard-fought, clean game. George Smith was granted a scholarship by the University. This scholarship was awarded on the basis of character, clean play and scholarship in very keen competition with boys from 15 other schools. Ronald Frost also received a scholarship from the University.

Six girl cheerleaders have been doing outstanding work at basketball games. They have new, attractive uniforms.

New uniforms were purchased for the baseball team. The feature of the 1951 baseball season was the feat performed by Ronald Frost, in a game at New Salem Academy. when he allowed only one hit in an eleven inning contest and struck out 21 batters.

The usual Freshman Reception, Sadie Hawkins, Halloween, Valentine, Junior Prom and Senior Reception dances have been held.

The seniors of the Class of 1951 took the traditional trip to New York and Washington last spring. The chaperons were Miss Hudson and Mr. Diamond. Funds were obtained for this trip by dances, Fair Day projects, magazine drives, sale of jewelry, Christmas cards and Navajo hand-woven neckties, Senior mothers' card parties, and food sales.

The annual convention of the National Association of Secondary School Principals at New York, was attended by Mr. Harrington; the Demonstration Clinic of the Bishop Method of Clothing Construction at the Fanning Trade High School for Girls in Worcester was visited by Mrs. Jackson; and Mr. Geer was present at a Visual Aid Demonstration in Boston.

Nearly every member of the faculty took some educational courses for improvement last year.

We are sorry to have the Reverend Taylor, Father Sullivan and Father Collins leave our community. Each one has contributed some of his time at Commencement, by going on tours with classes, by the showing of movies and in anything to help the school. Cooperation has been extended at all times.

Appreciation is due the Lions Club for their scholarship, entertainment and support of athletics.

Thanks are due to the P. T. A. for their financial assistance, and especially for the new bleachers in the Town Hall.

The American Legion and Auxiliary receive our thanks for sending pupils to Boys' State and Girls' State, Historical Tours and for all their other favors.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the members of the School Committee, the townspeople, and the administrative staff for your constant help and support in our effort to maintain a high level of achievement in Belchertown High School.

Respectfully submitted,

GUY E. HARRINGTON, *Principal*
Belchertown High School

Report of Household Arts Supervisor

Mr. Carl J. Peterson
Superintendent of Schools
Dear Mr. Peterson:

The Household Arts Department is continuing to enjoy the excellent room which the town has provided in Clapp Memorial Library, and hopes that as many people as possible will make it a point to come in and see us at work there.

At the present time, there are five Sophomore girls, fifteen Freshman girls, and eighteen Eighth Grade girls enrolled in the classes.

The Eighth Grade course includes as many of the fundamentals of sewing and cooking as time permits. Each student has made an apron to wear in the Foods class and a skirt or blouse. Two have also made skating skirts, and two are working on corduroy jumpers. In Foods, they are learning the methods, and are preparing such breakfast foods as fruits, cereals, a variety of hot breads, creamed dishes, and so on.

The Freshman girls work with cotton materials to make blouses, skirts and dresses. They have also made a study of fabrics, so that they may have a better knowledge of the materials best suited to their needs. In Foods, they study food values and learn to plan and prepare well-balanced meals. We hope that each girl will carry this information into the home and be allowed to do some of the actual preparation of the family meals.

The Sophomores continue with dressmaking methods to the end that each will be able to make at least one garment of wool. Last year three girls completed tailored wool suits. In Foods, they are studying the preparation of dinners, meat cookery, balanced and low-cost meals. The matter of good home and family relationships is discussed at length, and an excellent course in Home Nursing is presented by the school nurse, Mrs. Davis.

During the Sophomore year the girls take several field trips. Mrs. Louis Fuller graciously shows the classes through the Belchertown Farms dairy and gives them a detailed account of how the milk is cared for before delivery to the school and the homes. A trip through the H. L. Handy meat packing plant in Chicopee was an innovation this last year. The girls were conducted through each department, seeing each step after the slaughtering to the placing of the meat in the cooler or making it into hot dogs and sausage.

A pleasant evening was spent at the Spring Fashion Show conducted by the Home Economics Department of the Technical High School in Springfield, where all the girls, in every course from College Preparatory to General must take Home Economics every year, unless excused from certain of these in favor of advanced art or music.

Each spring the girls visit Springfield Trade School. Several of our Belchertown young people are now taking advantage of the advanced courses given at that splendid school.

I am hopeful that we are getting nearer the time when a lunch program will be practical for all our boys and girls. As plans are drawn for the expansion of our school plant on a new site, adequate provision will doubtless be made for this service, which may well mean the difference between good and bad nutrition for youngsters who must now eat cold lunches. A good lunchroom is as important to any school as a good auditorium or a good gymnasium, and the social value of eating together in one pleasant place is high indeed.

It becomes trite annually to express gratitude to you and to the whole staff for their consideration and helpfulness. Believe me, we are all appreciative and hope that we may always work together in the good work of making homemakers to take their places in future American homes as well as to make their present homes glad that they are able to participate in the Belchertown Household Arts work.

Respectfully submitted,

FLORENCE JACKSON

Report of School Nurse

Mr. Carl J. Peterson
Superintendent of Schools
Dear Mr. Peterson:

With pleasure I submit my seventh annual report as School Nurse in the Belchertown Schools.

Health services have been rendered as in the past. In last year's report, the five major elements in a well-rounded school health program were mentioned. "Health Service", one of the elements and the major part of our program, was explained in detail. The performance of this service still, and in all probability will always, occupy the greatest amount of time and effort of Dr. James L. Collard and myself.

The number of communicable diseases this past year have been comparatively less. Colds and intestinal disturbances seemed to be the leading cause of absenteeism.

Two children attended Camp Hodgkins for one month this summer. A third child had been accepted, but failed to attend for reasons unforeseen at the time of acceptance.

Through the kindness of Dr. Henry A. Tadgell, Superintendent of the Belchertown State School, all public school personnel, including bus drivers, custodians and substitute teachers, were X-rayed by the Westfield State Sanitorium at the State School in April. This protective measure is required at least every three years under Chapter 732, Acts of 1950.

"Off to School", a booklet for parents, was again given to all children attending pre-school day. Revision and additions to the booklet are planned for this spring. Suggestions from parents would be greatly appreciated.

"Health Instruction", another element in the school health program, is a modern means of securing widespread understanding and utilization of present-day knowledge concerning health maintenance and improvement, as well as disease prevention. The aims of health education are: to instruct children and young people, so that they may conserve and improve their own health, and be more able to secure that abundant vigor and vitality, which are a foundation for the greatest possible happiness and service in personal, family and community life; to promote satisfactory understandings, attitudes, and ways of behaving among parents and other adults, so that they may maintain and improve the health of the home and community; to improve the individual and community life of the future.

Text-books and materials for health education are being studied at the present time, and it is hoped that by the start of a new school year text-books will be used in the program, at least in the primary grades.

My sincerest appreciation to Superintendent Carl J. Peterson, Dr. James L. Collard, school personnel, parents, organizations and townspeople, who have given me their support and cooperation this year,

Respectfully submitted,

MINNIE N. DAVIS, R. N.

Report of Supervisor of Music

Mr. Carl Peterson
Superintendent of Schools
Dear Mr. Peterson:

I take pleasure in presenting my report as music supervisor in the Belchertown Public Schools for 1951.

In grades one, two and three, many rote songs are taught to provide a more extensive experience with vocal music than can be gained through reading songs. Note reading starts in the first grade in January with simple exercises put on the board by the teachers, stressing the quarter and half notes.

Grades one and two have new music appreciation records which are used in teaching, walking, marching, running, tiptoeing, jumping, hopping, galloping, skipping, sliding and swaying to music. New music appreciation records in grades three and four provide an opportunity for pupils to listen to music which they cannot perform but want to hear.

Music note books on the theory of music start in grade three and continue through grade six.

Tonette playing continues in grade four at Center and grades three and four at Franklin Schools.

Many two and three part songs are learned in grades five and six with syllables and words. These grades competed at the Western Massachusetts Music Festival in Palmer, and came home with a superior rating for their singing.

In September, we started with a Junior High School boys and girls chorus, consisting of seventh and eighth grades. Each chorus has a thirty minute period once a week.

The High School mixed chorus gave a half hour program of music at Ware High School last May. This program was broadcast later by the Radio Station W-A-R-E, in conjunction with a broadcast of the fifth and sixth grade festival music. The High School boys and girls chorus started to learn a few of the old familiar songs in September.

I find it very pleasant working in Belchertown. There is a friendly atmosphere throughout the town, which is a great help in doing good work with the children.

Respectfully submitted,

CLARA P. COOK, *Supervisor of Music*

School Financial Report

CLASSIFICATION OF SCHOOL EXPENDITURES, 1951

GENERAL CONTROL		
School Committee		
Salaries	$130.00	
Expenses	28.40	158.40
Superintendent of Schools		
Salary	1,937.44	
Expenses—including in and out-of-state travel, clerk, postage, stationery and telephone	2,618.03	
Law Enforcement	11.41	4,566.88
INSTRUCTION		
Teachers' Salaries	69,846.98	
Teachers' Expenses	256.25	
Instructional Supplies	4,226.07	74,329.30
OPERATION OF SCHOOL PLANT		
Janitor Service	4,351.31	
Operation of expense: Supplies, Telephone, electricity	1,819.30	
Fuel	3,885.02	10,055.63
MAINTENANCE OF SCHOOL PLANT		
Repairs and Replacements	3,646.51	3,646.51

AUXILIARY AGENCIES		
Promotion of Health	3,249.93	
Transportation of Pupils	17,083.00	20,332.93
MISCELLANEOUS	535.04	535.04
CAPITAL OUTLAY		
Building Alteration and New Equipment	1,344.36	1,344.36
HOUSEHOLD ARTS	3,669.91	3,669.91
Total Expenditures from Appropriation		$118,638.96
From Special Funds:		
George Barden	100.00	100.00
TOTAL COST OF SCHOOLS		$118,738.96
RECEIPTS:		
Appropriation	114,991.00	
Special Appropriation, October 8, 1951	3,650.00	
Available Funds	100.00	118,741.00
BALANCE RETURNED TO THE TOWN		$2.04
RECEIPTS—Paid to the Town of Belchertown from other sources than local taxation:		
Department of Public Welfare, State Wards	11,832.30	
School Aid (Chapter 643)	28,632.63	
Transportation	14,054.00	
Union Superintendent reimburse	441.62	
Vocational Household Ats	1,548.08	56,508.63
RECAPITULATION		
Total cost of Schools		118,638.96
Reimbursement from State	56,508.63	
Used from available funds	100.00	56,608.63
ACTUAL COST to Town of Belchertown for 1951		62,030.33
ACTUAL COST to Town of Belchertown for 1950		47,096.28

ACTUAL COST to Town of Belchertown for 1949	45,380.46
ACTUAL COST to Town of Belchertown for 1948	48,126.94

ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 1, 1951

SCHOOL	GRADES												TOTALS
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
Center	40	53	50	54	43								240
Franklin	20	16	16	20	17	14							103
Union	5	12	6										23
High School						34	43	48	50	40	22	18	255
	65	81	72	74	60	48	43	48	50	40	22	18	621

School Calendar

1952

January 2, Schools open
February 21—March 3, Winter Vacation
April 25—May 5, Spring Vacation
June 12, Elementary Schools close
June 20, High School closes
September 3, Schools open

HOLIDAYS

February 22, Washington's Birthday
April 11, Good Friday
May 30, Memorial Day
October 12, Columbus Day
November 12, Armistice Day
November 26, noon, Thanksgiving Holiday

Commencement

OF THE

BELCHERTOWN HIGH SCHOOL

June 21

1951

Lawrence Memorial Hall

8:00 P. M.

Graduates

Joyce Gwendolyn Austin
David Elery Barrett
Thomas Frank Bleau
Sylvia Norma Bouchard
Robert Dorman Camp, Jr.
Ruth Amy Crowther
Nancy Louise Dearness
Beverly Ann Dorey
Alice Marie Doubleday
Grace Marian Doubleday
Alice Claire Dugre
Ronald Wallace Frost
Edward Arthur Henrichon, Jr.
Jane Adeline Hudson
Robert Milton Joyal
Joan Catherine Kernicki
Joan Marilyn Kimball
Catherine Lillian King
Milton LeRoy Miller
Constance Ann Noel
Doris Juna Purrington
Eleanor Anne Rhodes
Robert Dexter Rhodes
Elizabeth June Robertson
Catherine Elizabeth Romaniak
Ann Marie Russell
Irvin Joseph Shyloski
Ronald Irving Small
George Albert Smith, Jr.
Gloria Louise Smith
Marjorie Bertha Smith
Theresa Rose Sorrell
Richard Edward Thompson
William Ernest Trombly

Program

Processional — Suzanne Piper
Accompanist

Invocation — Reverend Frederic E. Charrier

Song — This is My Father's World — *Fred Waring*
Mixed Chorus

Salutatory — Robert Dexter Rhodes

Songs — Carmela — *Mexican Folk Song*
Girls' Chorus

Shenandoah — *Sea Chanten*
Boys' Chorus

Valedictory — George Albert Smith, Jr.

Song — You'll Never Walk Alone — *Fred Waring*
Mixed Chorus

Introduction of the speaker of the evening—Everett W. Stephens, Director of Personnel, Babson Institute of Business Administration—by Edwin A. Cox, Superintendent of Schools

Lions Club Scholarship — Dr. James L. Collard

Emory F. Munsell Award

Presentation of Class to School Committee
Guy E. Harrington
Principal of High School

Awarding of Diplomas — Mr. E. Clifton Witt
Chairman School Committee

Songs — Halls of Ivy
May the Good Lord Bless and Keep You — *Meredith Willson*
Seniors

Benediction — Reverend Frederic E. Charrier

Recessional

Songs directed by Mrs. Clara P. Cook
Accompanist, Miss Suzanne Piper

RECEPTION

SCHOOL PERSONNEL AS OF JAN. 1, 1952

Name	Position	Year Appointed
Carl J. Peterson	Superintendent	1937
Clara M. Cook	Music Supervisor	1948
Minnie N. Davis, R. N.	School Nurse	1945
HIGH SCHOOL		
Guy E. Harrington	Principal High School and 6-7-8 Grades	1943
Elwyn J. Doubleday	Assistant Principal, Science	1947
Chester B. Eisold	Mathematics, Social Science, Basketball Coach	1948
Nancy Lee Hudson	English and French	1949
Florence Jackson	Household Arts, Science	1946
Angela LeGrand	Commercial Subjects	1951
Sophia M. Pero	Latin and English	1941
Ada W. Tague	Social Studies	1946
Ronald E. Susee	Mathematics, Science	1950
Bernadette Bowler	Grades 7-8, Language, Arts, and Mathematics	1942
Helen Carlin	Grades 7-8, Social Studies	1951
Donald E. Geer	Grades 7-8, Mathematics, Science, Baseball Coach	1950
Madeleine R. Lambert	Grade 6	1924

CENTER SCHOOL		
Marion K. Shaw	Principal, and Grades 4-5	1926
Louise Dickinson	Grade 1	1951
Irene B. Orlando	Grades 2-3	1917
Mildred Robbins	Grade 2	1948
Alice Flaherty	Grade 3	1922
Vera Harrington	Grade 4	1944
OLD TOWN HALL		
Ruth Rietzel	Grade 5	1951
FRANKLIN SCHOOL		
Eleanor Fitzgerald	Principal, Grades 1-2	1931
Nellie G. Shea	Grades 3-4	1901
Mildred Carter	Grades 5-6	1943
UNION SCHOOL		
Emma Loftus	Grades 1-3	1948
EVENING PRACTICAL ARTS		
Ethel Collis	Hooked Rug	1949
CUSTODIANS		
George M. Dewey	High School and Center	1947
William Kimball	Town Hall, Household Arts, Assist. at High School	1950
Albert Dudek	Franklin School	1948
William Aldrich	Union School	1950

Report of Town Accountant

BALANCE SHEET—*December 31, 1951*

GENERAL ACCOUNTS
ASSETS

Cash		$121,458.95
Accounts Receivable:		
Taxes:		
Levy of 1950:		
Personal	$198.30	
Real Estate	66.04	
Levy of 1951:		
Personal	3,808.58	
Real Estate	10,270.77	14,343.69
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes:		
Levy of 1951		1,029.84
Tax Titles	3,020.95	
Tax Possessions	168.81	3,189.76
Departmental:		
Highways	53.58	
Public Welfare	18.17	
Old Age Assistance	99.05	
Aid to Dependent Children	218.87	
Sewer Rentals, 1951	271.24	660.91

GENERAL ACCOUNTS
LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

Dog Licenses to County		$12.00
Payroll Deductions:		
Federal Taxes	1,521.30	
County Retirement	177.74	1,699.04
State Parks and Reservations assessment, 1951		100.43
County Tax, 1951		877.56
Trust Funds Income:		
Susan M. D. Bridgman Poor Fund		829.86
Accounts Held in Trust:		
Contributions for Sanatorium Care	28.00	
Deposits in lieu of bond, children's boarding homes	100.00	
Impounding and Sale of Cattle	312.00	440.00
Workmen's Compensation Fund:		
State Highway Allowance		548.69
Sale of Real Estate Fund		13.68
Road Machinery Fund		10,527.76
High School Athletic Fund		55.12
Tailings		98.76
Federal Grants:		
Aid to Dependent Children:		
Aid	58.68	
Old Age Assistance		
Aid	6,630.06	
Administration	76.52	
Smith Hughes and George Barden Funds	107.08	
George Deen Fund	10.51	6,882.85
Unexpended Appropriation Balances:		
Repairs on Old Town Hall	61.35	
Sewers—Federal St. Construction	46.41	
Land Damages—Sewer System	.59	
Cleaning and Repairing Water Holes	300.00	

Aid to Highways:		
State	9,131.05	
County	2,500.00	11,631.05
Dog Officer Fees:		
Due from County		3.50
Overdrawn Accounts:		
Sewer Maintenance		100.30
Post War Rehabilitation Fund, to be withdrawn from Trust Fund		16,000.00
		$168,418.00

INDEBTEDNESS ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt	$47,000.00

INVESTED FUND

Invested Fund	$20,000.00

POST WAR REHABILITATION FUND

Post War Rehabilitation Fund	$597.58

TRUST ACCOUNTS

Trust Funds and Securities	$55,448.99

Repairs at Clapp Memorial Library	3,235.00	
War Memorial	1,000.00	
Planning Board Expense	875.00	
Engineering Expense, Elementary School Building	10,566.90	
Purchase of Land, School Building	3,000.00	
Legal expenses, acquiring land	300.00	
Civil Defense	1,213.37	20,598.62
Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus		9,416.70
Overlays—Reserved for Abatements		
Levy of 1950	264.34	
Levy of 1951	3,905.04	4,169.38
Revenue—Reserved until Collected:		
Motor Vehicle Excise	1,029.84	
Tax Title and Tax Possessions	3,189.76	
Departmental	660.91	
Aid to Highways	11,631.05	16,511.56
Surplus Revenue		95,635.99
		$168,418.00

INDEBTEDNESS ACCOUNTS

Road Machinery Loan of 1949	$6,000.00	
Sewer Construction Loan of 1949	41,000.00	$47,000.00

INVESTED FUND

United States Treasury Notes	$20,000.00

POST WAR REHABILITATION FUND

Savings Bank Deposits	$597.58

TRUST ACCOUNTS

Whiting Street Fund	$8,841.23	
Susan M. D. Bridgman Poor Fund	3,500.00	
George D. Longley School Music Fund	2,584.41	
Calvin Bridgman High School Fund	6,866.26	
Calvin Bridgman Library Fund	4,012.00	
Willard A. Stebbins Cemetery Fence Fund	5,023.46	
Susan M. D. Bridgman Cemetery Fund	418.59	
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	24,203.04	$55,448.99

Summary of Appropriations, Expenditures, Transfers, Etc.

Account	Appopriation	Transfers and Additions	Expenditures	Unexpended
Selectmen, Salaries	$850.00		$425.00	$425.00
Selectmen. Expenses	200.00		158.52	41.48
Town Accountant	425.00		409.69	15.31
Treasurer, Salary	525.00		525.00	
Treasurer, Expenses	290.00		282.67	7.33
Tax Collector, Salary	500.00		500.00	
Tax Collector, Expenses	525.00		522.92	2.08
Assessors, Salary	700.00		700.00	
Assessors, Expenses	350.00		350.00	
Town Clerk, Salary	300.00		300.00	
Town Clerk, Expenses	200.00		196.92	3.08
Election and Registration	600.00		541.51	58.49
Certification of Notes	20.00			20.00
Law	150.00		150.00	
Town Hall	800.00	3.08*	534.19	268.89
Lawrence Memorial Hall	400.00	3.59*	386.54	17.05
Legion Headquarters	350.00		309.05	40.95
Police	1,000.00	700.00†	1,672.45	27.55
Fire Department	2,300.00	13.15*	2,193.46	119.69
Forest Fires	1,100.00		1,086.97	13.03
Hydrant Service	1,500.00		1,500.00	
Moth Suppression	600.00		528.97	71.03
Dutch Elm Disease	500.00	234.00†	672.00	62.00
Tree Warden	400.00	5.55†	405.55	
Sealer Weights & Measures	100.00		95.98	4.02
Inspector of Wires	75.00		75.00	
Health	1,900.00	170.00†	2,063.98	6.02
Sewers—Construction		3,374.30°	3,327.89	46.41
**Sewers—Construction	450.00		372.73	77.27
Sewers—Maintenance	300.00		400.30	—100.30
§Sewers—Maintenance	666.67		666.67	
Sewers—Land Damages		876.59° 110.00†	986.00	.59
Highways—Chapter 81	4.120.00	28,050.00‡	32,125.37	44.63
Highways—Chap. 90, Maint.	500.00	1,000.00‡	1,499.38	.62
Highways—Ch. 90, Const.	2.500.00	8,300.00‡ 276.02†	11,070.74	5.28
Highways—Snow Removal	3,000.00		2,403.65	596.35
Highways—Streets	100.00		41.65	58.35
Highways—Flood		1,498.90‡	1,498.90	
Highways—Bridges	1,000.00	206.77†	1,206.77	
Highways—Sidewalks	50.00	16.16†	66.16	
Clean. & Rep. Water Holes		300.00°		300.00

Account	Appropriation	Transfers and Additions	Expenditures	Unexpended
Road Machinery Expense	6,000.00		4,033.35	1,966.65
Street Lights	2,128.75		2,002.81	125.94
Jabish Street Light	18.75		18.75	
Public Welfare	4,500.00	7.00*	3,199.84	1,307.16
Veterans' Aid	500.00		308.20	191.80
Public Welfare, 1948	109.95		109.95	
Old Age Assistance	37,500.00	297.59*	37,594.45	203.14
Aid Dependent Children	3,250.00		850.95	2,399.05
Schools	118,641.00	25.11*	118,664.07	2.04
Vocational Education	500.00		496.18	3.82
Eng. Exp.—El. Sch. Bldg.		10,965.90°	399.00	10,566.90
Land—El. Sch. Bldg.	3,000.00			3,000.00
Legal Exp., Acquiring Land	300.00			300.00
Clapp Memorial Library	700.00		695.74	4.26
Rep.—Clapp Mem. Library	3,235.00			3,235.00
Parsons Recreational Field	300.00		292.10	7.90
Summer Recreation Program	500.00	.54*	494.28	6.26
Memorial Day	200.00		164.50	35.50
Armistice Day	50.00	5.50†	55.50	
Honor Roll	20.00			20.00
War Memorial	1,000.00			1,000.00
Insurance	3,525.00	163.10*	3,001.91	686.19
Town Clock	100.00		50.00	50.00
Public Dump	50.00	75.00†	115.25	9.75
Care of Common	150.00		144.39	5.61
Civil Defense	1,500.00	200.00°	486.63	1,213.37
Photostats Discharges	25.00		12.00	13.00
Taking of Land—Poole Rd.		4.00°	4.00	
Laying Out Ext., Poole Rd.	100.00		100.00	
Planning Board Exp.	1,000.00		125.00	875.00
Unclassified	600.00	197.20†	769.06	28.14
Reserve Fund	2,000.00		1,996.20	3.80
Cemeteries	950.00		950.00	
Soldiers' Graves	250.00		250.00	
Retirement Payments	526.20		526.20	
Interest	800.00		743.75	56.25
Maturing Debt	1,550.00		666.67	883.33
Mat. Debt. Rd. Mach. Notes	3,000.00		3,000.00	
Debt, Interest, Sewers	1,833.33		1,833.33	

*Refunds °On hand Jan. 1, 1951 ‡State and County allotments

†From Reserve Fund.

**Appropriated from Maturing Debt Account of $2,000, that appropriation accordingly here entered as $1,550.00.

§$2,500 appropriated from Sewer Rentals for Maturing Debt, Interest and Maintenance, of which $666.67 was used for Maintenance, and the balance for maturing debt and interest.

TOWN DEBT STATEMENT

Sewer Construction Loan of 1949	$41,000.00
Serial Notes bearing interest at the rate of two and one-half per cent per annum and maturing $2,000.00 annually for 20 years from date of issue, and $1,000 annually for five years thereafter.	
Amount payable in 1952	2,000.00
Road Machinery Loan of 1949	6,000.00
Notes bearing interest at the rate of two per cent per annum and maturing $2,000.00 annually for five years from date of issue.	
Amount payable in 1952	2,000.00

RESERVE FUND TRANSFERS

Authorized by Finance Committee

From Reserve Fund to:

Police	700.00	
Dutch Elm Disease	234.00	
Tree Warden	5.55	
Health	170.00	
Sewer System—Land Damages	110.00	
Highways—Chap. 90, Construction	276.02	
Highways—Bridges	206.77	
Highways—Sidewalks	16.16	
Armistice Day	5.50	
Public Dump	75.00	
Unclassified	197.20	1,996.20

ELLA A. STEBBINS, *Town Accountant*

February 5, 1952

I certify that as Town Accountant I have examined the cash accounts and trust fund accounts of Town Treasurer William E. Shaw and have found balances sufficient to cover said accounts in cash and in bank deposits.

Ella A. Stebbins, Town Accountant

February 5, 1952

Hampshire, ss.

Then personally appeared before me, Ella A. Stebbins, Town Accountant, and made oath that the above certificate is correct.

William E. Shaw, Justice of the Peace

Appendix

List of Jurors 1951

William E. Aldrich
Louis W. Allen
Anthony F. Amico
Louis J. Austin
Otto M. Bilz
Samuel Bolduc
J. Bernard Bowler
Kenneth Roy Brown
Milton Arnold Butler
Wallace F. Chevalier
Richard I. Cole
John A. Collis
Harvey Milton Dickinson
Edward J. Dudek
Donald Edsen Dunbar
Robert C. Dunbar
Chester Dzwonkoski
Wilbur E. Eaton
Sherman Lane Gould
Earl D. Gray
Leon M. Hislop
Norman Howland
Blake S. Jackson
John D. Keyes
William F. Kimball, Jr.
Ernest Laino
Edward J. Landers
Lillian J. Malo
Aime George Lapointe
Gilbert F. Marshall
Daniel W. McPhee
Leland A. Miner
Harold E. Moore
Peter Puta
Clifford K Rawson
Stephen Stolar
Harold N. White
Ruby Andrews
Minnie A. Flaherty
Annie R. French
Emma L. M. Grover
Fanny G. Morey
Geraldine Shea

APPENDIX

Statistical Report of Town Clerk

BIRTHS RECORDED 1951

Date	Name	Parents
January		
10	Glenn Robert Morey	Robert C. and Jane L. Kimball
27	William Joseph Austin	Joseph F. and Claire E. Sullivan
30	Mark Wesley Johnson	Robert E. and Barbara J. Skidmore
February		
8	Robert Wadsworth	Walter M. and Louise E. Corliss
9	William Alan Doubleday	Elwyn J. and Margaret Webster
10	Mary Ann Dyer	Philip and Alice Lofland
22	Leepha Charlene Kane	James R. and Marion Daley
28	Edward Henry Greer	Alfred and Della Whitney
March		
1	Bonnie Snowden	Lloyd D. and Josephine M. Sowa
3	Connie Ann Couture	Laval D. and Doris A. Pella
4	Nancy Lee Champagne	Clarence E. and Elsie Fay
8	Robert Kristian Anderson	Robert G. and Julie Smola
22	James Philip Holt	Clifford E. and Helen S. Olszowy
27	Parley Duane Allen	Parley and Edna I. Moore
30	Dianne Ousey	John T. Jr., and Mary T. McHugh

April

2	Kenneth Paul Henneman	Arthur F. and June Sanford
8	Daniel William Sullivan	Francis J. and Shirley J. Weldon
11	Donna Raye Boynton	Leroy and Edna Horr
14	Cathy Ann Bush	Joseph A. and Mildred Leigner
14	John Robert Cousino	Leo R. and Mildred E. Root
15	Michael Mears Allen	Lon J. and Mary L. Ward
15	Mary Margaret Hamel	Raymond R. and Eleanora L. Moynihan
18	Donna Eileen Sroka	Mitchell and Rose Skorupski
22	Robert Steven Phaneuf	Raymond F. and Mavis L. Slettbo
26	Doreen Anda Plant	Earl L. and Elinor G. Heath
28	Dianna Lee Fleming	John S. and Lena A. Given
28	Elizabeth Galica	Stanley S. and Frances E. Romaniak
28	Madeline Cecelia Terault	Leon J. and Ramona Preston
29	Richard David Clark	Joseph D. and Rita D. Houle

May

1	Sharon Ann Authier	Rene A. and Theresa L. Morneau
11	Mary Eleanor Morrissette	Gerard and Lillian Provost
12	Sandra Ann Lysik	Stanley and Nellie P. Mitus
18	Mona Lee Samborski	Frank and Alice E. Normand
23	Arthur Philip Godin	Edward and Jane H. Howes
26	Nancy Lee Mineau	Oscar and Stella Burchfiel

June

1	Lorraine Jean Plant	Everett and Helen M. Baril
8	Donna Jean Dooley	Ralph D. and Virginia A. Moon
16	Barbara Ann Harrington	Stanford J. and Barbara A. Hudson
17	Sandra Jane Henrichon	Earl F. and Betty J. Bishop
30	Robert James Squires	Lewis E. and Ethel Howe

July

3	Rita Carrie Ely	Robert E. and Mabel Fay
5	Mark Douglas Very	Frederick S. and Pearl Webb
13	Beatrice Laura Horr	Leon E. and Eveline M. Main
23	Robert Lee Moody	Allen and Lucy M. Sedgwick
24	Peter Mitchell Brault	Philip R. and Virginia I. Tatro

August

1	Peter Kenneth Brown	Thomas P. and Marion F. Hauschild
2	John Howard Connelly, Jr.	John H. and Caroline Page
13	Christine Ellen Barrett	Bruce M. and Edna Lamoureux

September

5	Gary Edward Hale	Raymond and Hertha Leichsenring
12	Pamela Lynn Rogers	Richard G. and Claudia Evanson
16	Deborah Ann Squires	William C. and Natalie Plastridge
19	William James Lapointe	Aime G. and Rita G. Sansoucy
24	Gail Sharon Timm	John H. and Hester M. Fulk
28	Sharyn Lee Nicoson	Albert L. and Jeanette M. Charest

October

1	Robert Earl Harrop, Jr.	Robert E. and Joyce L. Fleurent
5	Kathleen Rae Moore	Raymond D. and Marjorie A. Weber
6	Charles Richard Lofland	Richard W. and Mabel Tucker
8	David Alan Brown	Kenneth R. and Venna M. LaFond
16	Kenneth Edwin Isaac	William E. and Evelyn G. Rogers
21	Marcia Ellen Sears	Andrew T. and Victoria T. Karczmarczyk

November

2	Channing Brigham Kimball, Jr.	Channing B. and Charlotte L. Dube

14	Linda Allen Witte	Warren F. and Eugenia H. Rogan
26	Linda Zglobicki	Michael J. and Emily B. Cupryna
28	Sandra Jean Gay	Royal K. and Jessie L. Chadbourne
December		
4	Billie Jean Bower	William G. and Eudore M. Guichard
10	Capen	Leon G. and Helen Vaughn
18	Steven Ernest Hempe	John D. and Helen M. Pratt

MARRIAGES RECORDED 1951

January

27 Chester F. Jacknowski, Staffordville, Conn.
Helen A. Godek, Palmer

March

3 Richard Cole, Belchertown
Mildred Wilson, Pomfret, Conn.

12 William J. Brooks, South Hadley
Dorothy P. Happach, Littleton, N. H.

17 Winfred C. Hall, Belchertown
Dorothy M. Coburn, Brookfield

April

8 Robert Gage Longden, Fairhaven, Mass.
Shirley Louise Snow, Belchertown

9 John Melnick, West Warren
Wilma H. Adams, Belchertown

21 Roger M. Fontaine, Belchertown
Mariette R. Roy, Chicopee

May

2 Harold D. Kimball, Belchertown
Edna S. Morrissey, South Hadley

12 Wilfred A. Ruel, Belchertown
Betty F. Quitek, Holyoke

June
10 Peter A. Whittaker, Jr., Belchertown
Jean S. White, Southwick

July
17 Benjamin E. Dzwonkoski, Belchertown
Agnes Ramsay, Chicopee
25 Casimer S. Romaniak, Jr., Belchertown
Jennie K. Sampson, Warren
28 William J. Cook, Jr., Belchertown
Sylvia N. Bouchard, Belchertown
28 John A. Stokosa, Jr., Belchertown
Mary E. Clark, Belchertown

August
11 Robert A. Smith, Belchertown
Lois A. Chadbourne, Belchertown

September
1 Noel Leo Normand, Belchertown
Simone Glorina Gregoire, Belchertown
22 Francis Dzwonkoski, Belchertown
Betty Louise Mieg, South Hadley
29 Ernest James Germain, Belchertown
Frances Una Sedelow, Springfield

October
20 John Winthrop Avery, Belchertown
Mary Rose McKillop, Belchertown
27 Raymond George Peetz, Belchertown
Carole Ann St. Germain, Chicopee

November

10 Richard Edward Thompson, Belchertown
Agnes Jean Fitzgerald, Belchertown

10 Forrest Chadwick Barrett, Belchertown
Joan Agnes Jacquel, Holyoke

17 Louis A. Zwirecki, West Warren
Stasia B. Geslock, Belchertown

22 Charles Edward Auclair, Northfield
Anne Savage, Belchertown

22 James Francis Clifford, Belchertown
Helen Louise Sienkiewicz, Palmer

24 Robert Lehman Fay, Belchertown
Beverly Ann Strange, Amherst

24 John Edward Strycharz, Chicopee
Sophie Mary Jusko, Belchertown

December

1 Anthony Joseph Wegiel, Belchertown
Sophie Mary Sawicki, Palmer

22 Edward H. Gay, Belchertown
Joyce G. Austin, Belchertown

DEATHS RECORDED IN 1951

Date	Name and Place of Death	Age yrs.	Age mos.	Age dys.
January				
5	Oscar Erald Olson, Northampton	57	9	2
22	Everett W. Atkinson, Belchertown	57	4	21
24	William Eugene Eaton, Chicopee	80	10	10
30	Corporal Raymond Dahlgren, Korea	26		

February				
2	Agnes Kulig Skrzyniarz, Belchertown	78		
8	Robert Wadsworth, Ware			1
18	William D. Russell, Belchertown	49	10	11
23	Earl William Baker, Belchertown	49	3	10
27	Joseph Lapata, Belchertown	32	3	12
March				
3	Daniel W. Bolter, Belchertown	92	0	17
7	Chester Lipski, Belchertown	23	0	6
16	Helen C. Keyes, Palmer	59	8	10
26	Harry Galanakis, Belchertown	34	4	0
26	Rose Pease Shine, Northampton	81	7	20
April				
2	Bertha Gamble Price, Palmer	75	2	18
9	Frank M. Edwards, Belchertown	88	5	18
15	Cousino, Holyoke			1
18	Lloyd Collis Chadbourne, Belchertown	49	9	6
25	Michael J. Garvey, Northampton	69	10	13
May				
8	Robert Lupien, Belchertown	20	1	8
9	Jeannette Gagnon Peet, Holyoke	59	3	8
June				
17	Nellie Sullivan LaCross, Belchertown	79		
23	Harry William Conkey, Belchertown	73	4	23
26	Lena DiNapoli, Belchertown	31	4	25
July				
7	Grace Wark, Belchertown	60		
7	Ellen Jenks Lovett, West Springfield	91	0	10
11	Donald William Thayer, Ware	1	9	9
14	Adelphis Raymond Germain, Belchertown	59	6	28
25	Olen Merrick Allen, Belchertown	80	9	3
26	Herbert Martin Canterbury, Belchertown	57	4	5

August				
2	Patrick J. Keyes, Palmer	84	4	16
13	Mary Wachta, Belchertown	18	5	7
September				
19	Barbara Ann Brooks, Belchertown	18	4	26
24	Isabella Weiler, Belchertown	64	10	19
October				
5	Mary J. Pelletier, Belchertown	16	8	12
18	Herbert Freeman Duncan, Belchertown	62	2	4
20	Richard Murphy, Belchertown	28	5	12
20	Merina Plouffe LaBrecque, Springfield	62	11	11
25	Patrick J. Kennedy, Belchertown	79		
31	Clara Burch, Northampton	52		19
November				
2	Ethel Dreyer Randall, Belchertown	69		27
5	George Joseph Merriam, Belchertown	85	3	10
5	Henry Romaine Berger, Holyoke	52	7	9
7	Molly Lynch, Belchertown	55	10	18
December				
4	Mabel Lucy (Marcy) Stebbins, Ware	93	2	12
12	Winford Almon Fay, Belchertown	89	7	3
27	Louise E. Allen Sherman, Belchertown	80	3	29
30	Mary Babcock, Belchertown	61	6	20
30	Isabella Kelley, Ware	61		

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ARTICLES IN WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, FEBRUARY 12, 1951

Art. 1. To choose the following named officers by nomination: two Almoners of the Whiting Street and the Mrs. Susan M. D. Bridgman Funds, each for one year; one trustee of the Calvin Bridgman Fund for three years.

Art. 2. To hear the reports of the officers of the town and of any committees that may have been appointed by the town, except the school building committee, who will be called on for a report under a subsequent article, and act thereon.

Art. 3. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as shall be deemed necessary to defray the expenses listed in the Finance Committee report for the current financial year and act thereon.

Art. 4. To see if the town will vote to give to Clapp Memorial Library the balance of the dog license fund after damages are paid, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 5. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of revenue of the municipal year beginning January 1, 1951, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 6. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from the

Road Machinery Earnings Account the sum of $6,000.00 to the Road Machinery Expense Account, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 7. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from the Road Machinery Earnings Account the sum of $1,000.00 to pay a note issued in 1947, for the purchase of road machinery, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 8. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from the Road Machinery Earnings Account, the sum of $2,000.00 to pay a note issued in 1949, for the purchase of road machinery, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 9. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of $744.18 from Road Machinery Earnings to liquidate an overdraft in the Road Machinery Expense Account in 1950, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 10. To see if the town will authorize the payment of $130.00 for the salaries of the school committee for the year ensuing, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 11. To see if the town will vote to allow the Selectmen to appoint one of their members Inspector of Animals for the year 1951, as provided for in the General Laws, at a salary not to exceed $200.00, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 12. To see if the town will vote to allow the cemetery commissioners to appoint themselves to work in the cemeteries at a rate not to exceeed 90 cents per hour for the year 1951, as provided for in the General Laws, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 13. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the installation of a street light on Jabish Street between Everett Avenue and the Highway Department Building, or act thereon.

Art. 14. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to install a street light on Bay Road at the intersection of Poole Road, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 15. To see if the town will authorize and direct the Selectmen to sell at public auction or private sale on such terms and conditions as they shall determine, the structure known as the Liberty School Building located on South Liberty Street, in said Belchertown, or act otherwise thereon.

Art. 16. To see if the town will vote to complete the tar surfacing of M. Sears and Cold Spring Roads between the homes of Ralph Trombly and Mrs. Minnie Flaherty as early in the spring as weather conditions permit, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 17. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for Chapter 90 highway construction, to be used in conjunction with State and County allotments, on the Three Rivers Road, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 18. To see if the town will vote to authorize the payment of $275 for salaries of the sewer commissioners for the year ensuing, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 19. To see if the town will vote to allow the sewer commissioners to appoint themselves to work on the town sewer system at a rate not to exceed $1.50 per hour for the year 1951, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 20. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from receipts of sewer rentals for the purpose of paying a portion of the maturing debt, interest and maintenance of public sewer, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 21. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow a sum of money not to exceed $25,000.00 to meet the shares of the State and County allotments on highway repair and maintenance under Chapter 81 and Chapter 90 of the General Laws, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 22. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for a memorial to the men and women from Belchertown who served in World War I and II, or act thereon.

Art. 23. To see if the town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 820 of the Acts of 1950 relative to increases in the annual amounts of pensions, retirement allowances, annuities and other benefits payable by the Commonwealth and its political subdivisions, to certain former employees and persons claiming under them, or act thereon.

Art. 24. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from the Insurance Reserve Account the sum of $375.00 to the Insurance Account, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 25. To see if the town will vote to pay the sum of $109.95 to the City of Worcester, a bill incurred against the town in 1948 for welfare purposes, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 26. To hear the report of the school building committee and give instructions to the committee, if the meeting desires, or appoint a new committee, or act thereon.

Art. 27. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

ACTIONS UNDER WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING FEBRUARY 12, 1951

Meeting called to order at 7.30 P. M. by Lewis H. Blackmer, Moderator. Prayer was offered by Rev. Frederic E. Charrier.

Art. 1. Elected Mrs. Amy B. Witt and Mrs. Sophia Pero as almoners of the Whiting Street and Mrs. Susan M. D. Bridgman Funds, each for one year, and George A. Poole as trustee of the Calvin Bridgman Fund for three years.

Art. 2. Voted: That the reports of the officers of the town and of any committees appointed by the town, excepting the reports of the finance committee and the school building committee, as printed in the annual 1950 Town Report be accepted as printed.

Art. 3. Voted: That the report of the finance committee be considered and that each item in the report be accepted as a written motion as required by Town By-Laws.

Account		Appropriated	
Selectmen, Chairman	$175.00		
Clerk	125.00		
Other member	125.00		
Chairman Public Welfare	175.00		
Other member	125.00		
Other member	125.00		
Expenses	200.00	$1,050.00	
Town Accountant, salary	400.00		
Expenses	25.00	425.00	
Treasurer, salary	525.00		
Expenses	290.00	815.00	
Tax Collector, salary	500.00		Plus Fees
Expenses	525.00	1,025.00	
Assessors, Chairman	300.00		
Other member	200.00		
Other member	200.00		
Expenses	350.00	1,050.00	
Town Clerk, salary	300.00		Plus Fees
Expenses	200.00	500.00	
Election and Registration		600.00	
Certification of Notes		20.00	
Law		150.00	
Town Hall		800.00	
Lawrence Memorial Hall		400.00	
Legion Headquarters		350.00	
Police		1,000.00	
Fire Department		2,300.00	
Forest Fires		1,100.00	
Hydrants		1,500.00	
Moth Suppression		600.00	
Dutch Elm Disease		500.00	

Tree Warden	400.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures	100.00
Inspector of Wires	75.00
Health	1,900.00
Sewers—Maintenance	300.00
Highways—Chapter 81	4,120.00
Highways—Chapter 90. Maintenance	500.00
Highways—Snow	1,500.00
Highways—Streets	100.00
Highways—Sidewalks	50.00
Highways—Bridges	1,000.00
Street Lights	2,128.75
Public Welfare	4,500.00
Veterans' Aid	500.00
Old Age Assistance	37,500.00
Aid to Dependent Children	3,250.00
Schools	114,991.00
Vocational Education	500.00
Parsons Recreational Field	300.00
Clapp Memorial Library	700.00
Cemeteries	950.00
Soldiers' Graves	250.00
Unclassified	600.00
Reserve Fund	2,000.00*
Memorial Day	200.00
Armistice Day	50.00
Honor Roll	20.00
Insurance	3,150.00
Interest	800.00
Town Clock	100.00
Public Dump	50.00
Care of Common	150.00
Photostats of Discharges	25.00

Summer Recreation Program	500.00
Civilian Defense	1,500.00
Retirement Payments	526.20
Maturing Debt	2,000.00

*From Overlayings Reserve.

Art. 4. Voted: That the town give to Clapp Memorial Library the balance of the dog license fund after damages are paid.

Art. 5. Voted: That the town authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of revenue of the municipal year beginning January 1, 1951, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws.

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Art. 13. Voted: That the town raise and appropriate the sum of $18.75 for the installation of a street light on Jabish Street, between Everett Avenue and the Highway Department Building.

Art. 14. Not voted.

Art. 15. Voted: That the town authorize and direct the Selectmen to sell at public auction or private sale on such terms and conditions as they shall determine, the structure known as the Liberty School Building, located on South Liberty Street, in said Belchertown.

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Art. 17. Voted: That the town raise and appropriate the sum of $2,500.00 for Chapter 90 highway construction, to be used in conjunction with State and County allotments, on the Three Rivers Road.

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Art. 19. Voted: That the town allow the sewer commissioners to appoint themselves to work on the town sewer system at a rate not to exceed $1.50 per hour for the year 1951.

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Art. 24. Voted: That the town appropriate from the Insurance Reserve Account the sum of $375.00 to the Insurance Account.

Art. 25. Voted: That the town appropriate the sum of $109.95 for payment to the City of Worcester of a bill incurred against the town in 1948 for welfare.

Art. 26. Voted: That the report of the school building committee be accepted with thanks, and that the committee be discharged, and a new committee be appointed by the moderator.

The Selectmen announced the appointments to the Finance Committee of Aubrey Lapolice for one year and Hudson Holland for three years.

Voted to adjourn at 10.30 p. m.

ARTICLES IN WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING IN LAWRENCE MEMORIAL HALL AT 7.30 P. M., OCTOBER 8, 1951

Art. 1. To hear the report of the Elementary School Building Committee and to act thereon.

Art. 2. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate from available funds, a sum of money to defray any obligations voted under the preceding article, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 3. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate from available funds, a sum of money for the Schools Account, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 4. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate from available funds a sum of money for the use of the Selectmen in laying out, relocating or altering town ways, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 5. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate from available funds a sum of money for repairs at the Clapp Memorial Library, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 6. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Sewer Commissioners to extend the sewer system, southerly on the Old Springfield Road, a distance of 180 feet, and transfer from the Maturing Debt Account the sum of $450 for such extension, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 7. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Moderator to appoint a committee to study the survey and recommendations made for the operation of the Fire Department. and need of additional fire protection in the town, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 8. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money from available funds for use of the Planning Board in carrying out the provisions of Chapter 41, Section 81A, General Laws, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 9. To see if the town will vote to extend to retiring Superintendent of Schools Edwin C. Cox, its sincere thanks for his efforts toward the cause of better education in Belchertown, and its hearty good wishes for success in his new field, or take any action relative thereto.

APPENDIX

ACTION TAKEN UNDER ARTICLES IN WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, OCTOBER 8, 1951

Meeting called to order by Lewis H. Blackmer, Moderator, at 7.30 p. m. in Lawrence Memorial Hall.

Art. 1. E. Clifton Witt, Sr., reported for the Elementary School Building Committee and the Committee made the following recommendations:

1. That the Town authorize and direct the Selectmen to acquire by purchase and by right of eminent domain, for the purpose of construction of an elementary school building thereon, a parcel of land owned by Edward P. and Eleanor S. Bartlett, on South Main Street, bounded by land now or formerly of Herman C. Knight, Loretta and Leo Phaneuf, Robert and Marie O'Kane, Ida Roberts and said Bartletts, consisting of approximately ten (10) acres known as the "Clapp Lot". Plus a fifty (50) foot right of way through the Bartlett property from South Main Street to the above described Clapp Lot.

2. That the Town appropriate an amount of money for legal expenses involved in the above named transaction.

3. That the Town authorize the expenditure by the Elementary School Building Committee, to secure plans and specifications for a new elementary school building, the balance of the appropriation of Eleven Thousand Dollars ($11,000.00) from the Post War Rehabilitation Fund as previously authorized at a Special Town Meeting held June 26, 1950, but which was only approved by the Emergency Finance Board of the Commonwealth on June 4, 1951.

4. That this report be accepted as a report of progress.

Voted to adopt recommendations contained in above report and accept report as report of progress.

Art. 2. Voted: That the Town appropriate from available funds the sum of $3,000.00 for the acquisition of land as authorized under Article 1, and that the sum of $300.00 be appropriated from available funds for legal expenses involved in said transaction.

Art. 3. Voted: That the Town raise and appropriate from available funds the sum of $3,650.00 to the Schools account.

Art. 4. Voted: That the Town raise and appropriate from available funds the sum of $100.00 for the use of the Selectmen in laying out an extension of Poole Road.

Art. 5. Voted. That the Town raise and appropriate from available funds the sum of $3,235.00 for repairs at Clapp Memorial Library.

Art. 6. Voted: That the Town instruct the Sewer Commissioners to extend the Sewer System from South Main Street southerly a distance of 180 feet on Old Springfield Road, and that the sum of $450.00 be transferred from the Maturing Debt Account for said construction.

Art. 7. Voted: That the Town authorize the Moderator to appoint a committee of three to study the survey and recommendations concerning the Fire Department and its needs. Said committee to report to the Town at the next Town Meeting.

Art. 8. Voted: That the Town raise and appropriate from available funds the sum of $1,000.00 for the use of the Planning Board.

Art. 9. Voted: That the Town extend to Mr. Edwin C. Cox, recent Superintendent of Schools in Belchertown, its sincere thanks for his untiring efforts in the interest of better education in Belchertown, and its hearty good wishes for success in his new endeavors. And the Town Clerk is hereby directed to send Mr. Cox a copy of said vote. Vote was unanimous.

Art. 10. Voted to adjourn at 8.23 o'clock, P. M.

ARTICLE IN WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, DECEMBER 29, 1951

Art. 1. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds, a sum of money for the Snow Removal Account, or take any action relative thereto.

ACTION TAKEN UNDER WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, DECEMBER 29, 1951

Art. 1. Voted: That the Town appropriate from available funds the sum of $1,500.00 for the Snow Removal Account.

APPENDIX

Itemized Report of Receipts and Expenditures

RECEIPTS

GENERAL REVENUE		
Taxes, William E. Shaw, Tax Collector		
Levy of 1949, Personal	$1,544.89	
Levy of 1949, Real Estate	1,594.55	
Levy of 1950, Personal	3,177.54	
Levy of 1950, Real Estate	10,836.76	
Levy of 1950, Polls	4.00	
Levy of 1951, Personal	18,605.19	
Levy of 1951, Real Estate	74,830.70	
Levy of 1951, Polls	1,574.00	
Levy of 1950, Motor Vehicle Excise	1,140.90	
Levy of 1951, Motor Vehicle Excise	20,337.63	133,646.16
Commonwealth of Massachusetts		
Income Tax	6,302.72	
Income Tax, School Aid	27,770.13	
Corporation Tax, Business	9,278.83	
Meals Tax, Old Age Assistance	1,124.74	
Reimbursement for loss of taxes	3,718.43	
M. D. C., in lieu of taxes	1,676.80	49,871.65
Liquor licenses	2,386.00	
Business licenses and permits	277.00	2,663.00
Court fines		105.45
Grants and Gifts		
From Federal Government		
Old Age Assistance, Aid	25,731.94	
Old Age Assistance, Adm.	1,188.80	
Aid to Dependent Children, Aid	1,144.53	

Aid to Dependent Children, Adm.	59.86	
Smith-Hughes, Geo. Barden Funds	105.08	28,230.21
Commonwealth of Massachusetts		
Vocational Education	1,575.25	
Union Superintendent	441.62	
High School transportation	14,054.00	
Highways, Chapter 81	34,239.40	
Inspection of Animals	100.00	50,410.27
County of Hampshire, dog licenses		746.21
Total General Revenue		$265,672.95

COMMERCIAL REVENUE

Rent: Common, Memorial Hall, Driveway		
Women's Guild	$3.00	
Vernon Lodge, A. F. & A. M.	3.00	
Lions Club	3.00	
Catholic Women's Club	3.00	
Pomona Grange	3.00	
Union Grange	3.00	
Belchertown Motor Sales	10.00	
Belchertown Farmers' & Mechanics' Club	200.00	
Helen A. Miner	9.00	
Methodist Sunday School	3.00	240.00
Payment for broken light, Town Hall	1.50	
Sale of maps	2.50	4.00
Fire Department Inspections, sundry persons		2.50
Sealer of Weights and Measures fees		41.05
Forest Fires, Central Vermont Railroad		313.24
County of Hampshire, dog officer fees		220.50
County of Hampshire, wildcat bounties		20.00
Commonwealth of Mass., contagious diseases	8.05	
Commonwealth of Mass., tuberculosis sub.	433.57	441.62
Highways, Joint Construction and Maintenance		
Construction, State, 1949	992.39	
Construction, State, 1950	4,998.38	
Maintenance, State, 1949	495.44	
Maintenance, County, 1949	495.44	
Maintenance, State, 1950	499.79	
Maintenance, County, 1950	499.79	7,981.23

Road Machinery Earnings		7,754.75
Sale of Liberty School		234.00
Sewer rentals		2,460.83
Reimbursements, Charities		
Public Welfare		
Commonwealth of Mass.	255.07	
Other cities and towns	270.91	
Individuals	248.75	774.73
Aid to Dependent Children		
Commonwealth of Mass.		1,180.48
Old Age Assistance		
Commonwealth of Mass.	21,752.15	
Other cities and towns	1,025.51	22,777.66
Commonwealth of Mass., Veterans' Services		7.26
Commonweatlh of Mass., tuition of children		11,832.30
High School Athletic Fund		
Town of Orange	20.00	
Guy E. Harrington	290.87	
School Department	200.00	
West. Mass. Small High Schools Tourn.	75.00	585.87
Telephone toll calls		1.00
Total Commercial Revenue		$56,873.02

INTEREST

First National Bank of Amherst		
Susan M. D. Bridgman Poor Fund	210.00	
Amherst Savings Bank		
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	530.00	
William E. Shaw, Collector of Taxes		
Interest deferred taxes	565.44	1,305.44

AGENCY, TRUST AND INVESTMENT

William E. Shaw, Town Clerk, dog licenses	1,014.60
Sundry persons, withholding tax	10,533.17
Insurance Reserve, Chapter 81 and 90	520.70

Hampshire County Retirement funds		673.66
Blue Cross and Health accounts		1,541.46
Cemetery Perpetual Care Bequests		
Estate Lillian A. Miller, care of Lillian A. Miller lot, South Cemetery	75.00	
Estate Pearl B. Green, care of Pearl B. Green lot, Mt. Hope Cemetery	100.00	
George R. Davis, care of Geo. Davis lot, Mt. Hope Cemetery	100.00	275.00
Private Trust Accounts		
Deposits for Sanatorium Care	640.00	
Deposit surety bond for children's boarding license		50.00
		$15,248.59

REFUNDS AND TRANSFERS

Old Age Assistance checks	297.59	
Insurance Refunds		
Berkshire Mutual Fire Insurance Co.	4.00	
Bell & Hudson Insurance Agency	151.37	
Star Insurance Co.	7.73	
Refunds, Schools		
McGraw-Hill Book Co.	1.92	
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	16.19	
Rachel Shumway	7.00	
Harold E. Kimball, Town Hall	3.08	
New England Tel. & Tel., Memorial Hall	3.59	
B. H. S. Athletic Fund	116.39	
New England Tel. & Tel., Public Welfare	10.59	
New England Tel. & Tel., Fire Department	13.15	
Mary Young, Summer Recreation program	.54	633.14

Total receipts for the year ending Dec. 31, 1951	$339,733.14
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1951	86,785.96
	$426,519.10

APPENDIX

EXPENDITURES

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Selectmen		
Salaries		
Isaac A. Hodgen	$175.00	
Edward Germain	125.00	
Francis M. Austin	125.00	$425.00
Expenses		
Clerical		
Jean Chaffee	28.00	
Doris Squires	1.50	
Robert Hodgen	20.00	
Printing and Postage		
Isaac A. Hodgen	12.50	
Lewis H. Blackmer	17.53	
Quirk Paper Co.	2.55	
Travel Expenses		
Isaac A. Hodgen	6.72	
Edward Germain	6.72	
Posting warrants		
Donald Hazen	10.00	
Ernest Gay	5.00	
Other		
Mass. Selectmen's Assn., dues	25.00	
Hampshire Co. Select. Assn., dues	6.00	
The Davol Printing House	3.50	
Tighe & Bond, prints	10.50	
State Planning Board, maps	3.00	158.52
		$583.52
Town Accountant		
Ella A. Stebbins, salary	400.00	
Postage	1.07	
Lewis H. Blackmer, printing	8.62	409.69
Treasurer		
William E. Shaw, salary		525.00
Jean Chaffee, clerical work	45.50	
Doris Squires, clerical work	5.50	

Ribbon & Carbon Product Co.	5.25	
Hobbs & Warren, forms	9.01	
Palmer Register	.45	
William E. Shaw, postage	72.51	
Lewis H. Blackmer, printing	42.95	
John C. Moore Corp.	12.50	
Bell & Hudson Ins. Agency, bond	81.00	
Mass. Collectors' & Treas. Assoc. dues	2.00	
Palmer National Bank	6.00	282.67
		$807.67
Collector of Taxes and Town Collector		
William E. Shaw, salary		500.00
Jean Chaffee, clerical work	100.00	
Hobbs & Warren, forms	48.87	
William E. Shaw, postage	118.12	
Lewis H. Blackmer, printing	84.48	
Employers' Liability Assurance Corp.	5.00	
Bell & Hudson Ins. Agency, insurance	155.25	
Mass. Collectors' & Treas. Assoc. dues	2.00	
Forbes Snyder, Inc.	4.50	
Hampshire Co. Registry of Deeds	1.00	
William E. Shaw, fees	3.70	522.92
		$1,022.92
Assessors		
Salaries		
George E. Booth	300.00	
Frederick Lincoln	200.00	
William Kimball, Jr.	200.00	700.00
Expenses		
Jean Chaffee, clerical work	106.50	
Doris Squires, clerical work	36.00	
Lewis H. Blackmer, printing	8.40	
Hobbs & Warren, forms	42.21	
Raymond Warner, transfer photostats	156.89	350.00
		$1,050.00

Town Clerk		
William E. Shaw, salary		300.00
Expenses		
Jean Chaffee, clerical work	6.00	
Lewis H. Blackmer, printing	15.50	
William E. Shaw, recording fees	153.00	
Postage	7.66	
Bell & Hudson Insurance Agency, bond	7.50	
Hobbs & Warren, forms	2.26	
Mass. Town Clerks' Assoc., dues	5.00	196.92
		$496.92
Law		
Morse & Morse		150.00
Election and Registration		
Registrars		
Roy Shaw	15.50	
Raymond Beaudoin	14.50	
Daniel Shea	3.00	
Alice Flaherty	1.50	34.50
Precinct Officers, sundry persons		192.50
Expenses		
Jean Chaffee, clerical work	36.50	
Doris Squires, clerical work	13.00	
Albert Dudek, janitor services	2.00	
George Dewey, janitor services	3.00	
Arthur's Snack Bar, lunches	17.54	
Lewis H. Blackmer, printing	24.50	
W. E. Shaw, postage and pencils	2.47	
Hobbs & Warren	35.50	134.51
Street Listing		
Minnie Flaherty	60.00	
Rose Wenzel	60.00	
Helen Plant	60.00	180.00
		$541.51

THE LAWRENCE MEMORIAL HALL

New England Tel. & Tel.	81.97	
Worcester Co. Electric Co.	42.12	
Squires' Garage	2.00	
J. O. Young Co., scaffolding	86.00	
H. E. Sessions, electrical work	116.64	
H. E. Kimball & Sons, bulbs	1.56	
George Dewey, bolts and screws	.34	
Haywood-Wakefield Co.	10.56	
Carpenter Mfg. Co., batteries	13.23	
Jackson's Store, bulbs	1.12	
Mass. Reformatory, armchair	31.00	386.54

TOWN HALL

William Kimball, Jr., janitor service	120.00	
Chadbourne's, fuel oil	283.85	
Worcester Co. Electric Co., lights	41.75	
Richo Products Co., dust mop	8.95	
A. G. Market, janitor supplies	4.16	
Harry Sessions, electrical work	7.00	
Carpenter Mfg. Co., batteries	8.87	
Ralph Dooley, plumbing repairs	8.00	
Harold Kimball, lamps	1.50	
Allen & Shumway	50.11	534.19

AMERICAN LEGION HEADQUARTERS

Worcester County Electric Co.	9.05	
Vernon Lodge Building Assn., rent	300.00	309.05

CIVIL DEFENSE

Harvey Dickinson, director	460.00	
Postage	12.00	
Lewis H. Blackmer, printing	14.63	486.63

POLICE

Frank L. Gold	255.79	
D. Donald Hazen	69.90	
Andrew T. Sears	283.46	
Nelson Hill	293.95	
Ernest Gay	304.32	
Edward B. Conkey, dog officer	10.00	
Robert White, dog officer	54.50	
Henry Berger, traffic officer	202.00	

Wilfred Weston, traffic officer	3.95	
Clarence Hubbard, traffic officer	145.00	
Guy Allen, election officer	10.25	
Fanny Morey, election officer	14.75	
Lewis H. Blackmer, printing	15.08	
The Curran Co., traffic belts	9.50	1,672.45
FIRE DEPARTMENT		
Joseph Kempkes, Sr., salary	200.00	
Ambulance trips		
John Collis	3.00	
Joseph Kempkes, Jr.	18.00	
Joseph Kempkes, Sr.	6.00	
Ernest Gay	3.00	
Carl Peterson	12.00	
Joseph Kempkes, Sr., gas and oil permits	156.00	
New England Tel. & Tel.	200.32	
Worcester Co. Electric Co.	64.70	
Chadbourne's, fuel oil	296.15	
H. A. Hopkins' Store, cleaning	4.50	
Sudbury Laboratories	13.72	
The Ryther & Warren Co.	3.54	
Belchertown Motor Sales, inspection	3.50	
Bell & Hudson Insurance Agency	180.00	
Seagrave Corp., repair parts	34.00	
Webster's Store, battery, zerone	51.04	
American-LaFrance-Foamite Corp.	270.35	
J. Raymond Gould, battery, gas, oil, etc.	162.44	
Ashley's Garage, repairs	6.25	
Belchertown Motor Sales, repairs	82.65	
H. E. Kimball & Sons, dry cells	1.40	
Fitzhenry-Guptill Co., pump packing	1.45	
Mass. Surgical, Inc., oxygen refills	15.45	
J. Russell & Co.	5.14	
Squires' Garage, repairs, plowing	39.16	
Zabek Motor Sales	82.10	
James R. Shea, hose	232.10	
Lewis H. Blackmer, printing	45.50	2,193.46
HYDRANT SERVICE		
Belchertown Water District		1,500.00

FOREST FIRES		
Ashley's Garage	29.80	
Joseph Kempkes, Sr., permits	62.70	
J. Raymond Gould, gas, battery	35.25	
American-LaFrance-Foamite Corp.	300.00	
Joseph Kempkes, Jr., repairs	39.50	
Services at fires, sundry persons	619.72	1,086.97
SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES		
Hobbs & Warren, forms	5.98	
Raymond Gay, salary	75.00	
Raymond Gay, auto expenses	15.00	95.98
INSPECTOR OF WIRES		
Harry Sessions, salary		75.00
MOTH SUPPRESSION		
Labor and use of trucks		
Edward Conkey	69.70	
Edward Schmidt	2.70	
Norman Wilson	163.60	
Albert Atkins	72.00	
Albert Peeso	77.20	
Harold Tucker	7.20	
Leslie Henderson	27.60	
Ernest Germain	7.20	
Walter Dodge	42.20	
Joseph Sullivan	37.80	
James Huggins, creosote	19.80	
Express	1.97	528.97
WILDCAT BOUNTIES		
John Fletcher		20.00
DUTCH ELM DISEASE		
Northern Tree Expert Co.	483.00	
Labor and Use of Trucks		
Edward Schmidt	65.40	
Harold Tucker	58.50	
Edward Conkey	65.10	672.00

TREE WARDEN

Harold Kimball & Sons, axes	12.00	
Northern Tree Expert Co.	40.00	
Labor and Use of Trucks		
Edward Schmidt	185.85	
Harold Tucker	91.20	
Edward Conkey	60.75	
Leslie Henderson	15.75	405.55

HEALTH

John R. Newman, inspector of meat	29.50	
Lena Wilson, clerical work	12.50	
Francis M. Austin, inspector of animals	200.00	
Hampshire Co. Sanatorium	547.50	
J. F. Higgins & Co., funeral directors	.25	
Roy G. Shaw, death certificates	1.00	
Bel'town State School, sewage disposal	1,273.23	2,063.98

SEWER CONSTRUCTION—FEDERAL STREET

Labor payrolls, sundry persons		994.26
Hired Equipment		
Trucks, sundry persons	307.25	
Roy Nutting, crane service	234.00	
Warner Bros.	253.00	
David White, loader	20.00	
S. P. Puffer, Jr.. shovel	295.00	1,109.25
Materials		
Squires' Garage, repairs	2.00	
A. Boilard Sons, Inc.	42.00	
Lynch Brick Co.	124.50	
Universal Sewer Pipe Corp.	133.87	
Gould's Esso Service Station	3.52	
W. Zabek Sand & Gravel Co.	10.13	
The Ryther & Warren Co.	293.16	
Asphalt Pavement Corp.	88.20	
The Robinson Clay Product Co.	11.02	
Dupont's Express	3.10	
H. A. Hopkins' Store	17.20	
J. and W. Jolly, Inc.	38.50	
Perfito & Sons	201.20	
Webster's Store	21.05	

Johnson Asbestos Co.	157.50	
R. C. Gay, express	10.68	
Alcide Normand	8.25	
D. Donald Hazen, sand and gravel	12.00	1,177.88
Tighe & Bond, engineering services		46.50
Total for Sewer Construction, Federal Street		$3,327.89

SEWER CONSTRUCTION—OLD SPRINGFIELD ROAD

Labor Payrolls, sundry persons		112.88
Hired Equipment		
Trucks, sundry persons	29.50	
Roy Nutting, crane service	52.00	
David White, loader	15.00	
John Lizak, use of air compressor and tools	15.00	111.50
Materials		
The Ryther & Warren Co.	78.95	
J. and W. Jolly, Inc.	38.50	
Asphalt Pavement Corp.	30.90	148.35
Total for Sewer Construction, Old Springfield Road		$372.73

SEWERS—MAINTENANCE

Labor Payrolls, sundry persons		593.99
Hired Equipment		
Trucks, sundry persons	108.00	
Town of Belchertown, bulldozer	3.75	
Roy Nutting, shovel and crane rental	139.75	251.50
Materials		
Johnson Asbestos Co., pipe	75.80	
Joseph G. Pollard Co., Inc.	3.40	
Charles Downing, repairs	3.00	
H. E. Kimball, check line	.90	
J. Raymond Gould	11.73	
Lloyd Chadbourne, kerosene	3.60	
The Ryther & Warren Co., lumber, etc.	8.59	
Boston & Maine Railroad, freight	2.08	109.10

All Other		
Tighe & Bond, engineering	106.00	
Lewis H. Blackmer, letter heads, envelopes	5.65	
D. Donald Hazen, telephone calls	.73	112.38
Total for Maintenance of Sewers		$1,066.97
SEWERS—LAND DAMAGES		
Sundry Persons		986.00
HIGHWAYS—CHAPTER 81		
Labor payrolls, sundry persons	14,027.40	
Insurance	496.74	
Town equipment	6,168.30	
Hired equipment	3,991.53	
Material		
Asphalt Pavement Corp.	1,705.79	
Chemical Corp., salt	599.74	
D. D. Ruxton Co., gravel, grits	835.62	
The Ryther & Warren Co.	6.60	
New England Metal Culvert Co.	631.23	
Barrett Division, tarvia, asphalt	3,219.29	
Lynch Brick Co.	27.50	
Commonwealth of Mass., grates, signs	148.00	
Sundry persons, gravel	267.63	32,125.37
HIGHWAYS—CHAPTER 90—CONSTRUCTION		
Labor payrolls, sundry persons	2,077.03	
Town equipment	248.25	
Insurance	10.75	
Hired trucks	4,066.68	
Material		
Mrs. Marion Baril, gravel	42.80	
John Spellman, gravel	185.00	
Edwin Shumway, lumber	24.00	
New England Const. Pipe Corp.	246.80	
D. D. Ruxton Co., sand	21.42	
Koppers Co., tarmac and asphalt	2,710.08	
A. Giard & Sons, concrete	88.00	
John Sullivan, oil	6.80	
John S. Lane & Son, traprock	1,190.82	

The Ryther & Warren Co., supplies	11.20	
Street Supply Corp.	3.25	
Commonwealth of Mass., posts, grates	133.00	
Boston & Maine Railroad, freight	4.86	11,070.74

HIGHWAYS—CHAPTER 90—MAINTENANCE

Labor, sundry persons	255.08	
Town equipment	114.55	
Hired equipment	187.00	
Insurance	6.32	
Material		
Asphalt Pavement Corp.	30.60	
John S. Lane & Son, traprock	364.77	
Koppers Co., emul. asphalt	529.50	
D. D. Ruxton Co., sand	11.56	1,499.38

HIGHWAYS—STREETS

Russell Snow, Poole Road layout	26.30	
Faulkner Hardware	10.35	
Disallowed on Chapter 81, moving shovel	5.00	41.65

HIGHWAYS—BRIDGES

Labor payrolls, sundry persons	511.37	
Town equipment	171.00	
Hired equipment	65.00	
The Ryther & Warren Co.	14.40	
W. D. Cowls & Co., lumber	255.00	
E. D. Owen, lumber	180.00	
Ira Shattuck, chain saw	10.00	1,206.77

FLOOD CONTROL

Labor payrolls, sundry persons	208.45	
Town equipment	220.95	
Hired equipment	1,069.50	1,498.90

HIGHWAYS—SIDEWALKS

Labor payrolls, sundry persons	23.31	
Town equipment	12.25	
Asphalt Pavement Corp., material	30.60	66.16

HIGHWAYS—SNOW REMOVAL

Labor payrolls, sundry persons	662.99	
Town Equipment	298.00	

Hired equipment	463.88	
Material		
D. D. Ruxton, sand	121.64	
Warner Bros.	105.70	
Dept. of Public Works	751.44	2,403.65
ROAD MACHINERY EXPENSE ACCOUNT		
Garage Expenses		
Worcester County Electric Co.	25.20	
Chadbourne's, fuel oil	321.45	
Belchertown Water District	16.20	
Insurance		
Star Insurance Co. of America	11.17	
Bell & Hudson Insurance Agency	374.60	
Gas, oil, grease, sundry persons	1,171.24	
Repairs, sundry persons	1,702.79	
Labor, sundry persons	368.52	
Express, sundry persons	4.84	
Commonwealth of Mass., tax on diesel fuel	33.84	
Registration on Diesel	2.00	
Inspection	.50	
Lewis H. Blackmer, printing	1.00	4,033.35
STREET LIGHTS		
Worcester County Electric Co.		2,002.81
JABISH STREET LIGHT		
Worcester County Electric Co.		18.75
PUBLIC WELFARE		
Salaries of Board of Public Welfare		
Edward Germain	175.00	
Isaac Hodgen	125.00	
Francis Austin	125.00	
H. A. Hopkins' Store, clothing	7.90	
A. G. Market, groceries	131.75	
First National Stores, groceries	122.51	
Disability Assistance	230.48	
Board and care, sundry persons	222.20	
Medicine and Medical Attendance		
Cooley Dickinson Hospital	75.50	
Dr. Alfred Rosner	3.00	

Dr. William Hogan	23.00	
Dr. Peter Merzbach	10.00	
Belchertown Pharmacy	6.40	
Other Cities and Towns		
Town of Amherst	15.95	
City of Northampton	5.35	
State Institutions	1,492.80	
Cash grants to individuals	103.50	
Hampshire Co. Registry of Deeds, recording mortgage	3.00	
D. Donald Hazen, transportation expenses	30.00	
Morse & Morse, legal expenses	291.50	3,199.84
PUBLIC WELFARE, 1948		
City of Worcester		109.95
VETERANS' AID		
Lena Wilson, clerical work	25.00	
Lewis H. Blackmer, printing	3.20	
Ordinary allowances, aid sundry persons	135.60	
Fuel, sundry persons	30.00	
Wilson's Pharmacy	23.15	
Belchertown Pharmacy	1.25	
Dr. Tracey Roberson	40.00	
Chauncey Walker Post, burial	50.00	308.20
RELIEF FROM CHARITY FUNDS		
Susan M. D. Bridgman Poor Fund		50.00
OLD AGE ASSISTANCE—TOWN APPROPRIATION		
Cash aid, sundry persons		34,530.46
Aid by Other Cities and Towns		
Town of Ware	154.23	
City of Chicopee	102.24	
City of Holyoke	431.20	
Town of Palmer	89.75	
Town of Amherst	82.82	
City of Springfield	372.89	1,233.13
Administration		
Lena Wilson, salary	1,483.62	
Travel	86.52	

Telephone	89.35	
Box rent and postage	30.00	
Johnson's Bookstore, supplies	40.54	
Lewis H. Blackmer, printing	32.19	
Addressograph-Multigraph Corp.	1.91	
Hobbs & Warren	8.86	
Conference expenses	14.60	
Social Service Index	13.03	
Henry Bidwell Insurance Agency, bonds	10.00	
Palmer Register	.24	
Mrs. Mary Peterson, conservator fee	20.00	1,830.86
		$37,594.45

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE—FEDERAL GRANTS

Cash aid, sundry persons		20,511.44
Lena Wlson, salary	904.07	
Doris Dickinson, clerical work	10.00	
Lena Wilson, travel	73.78	
Telephone	33.67	
Box rent and postage	53.40	
Underwood Corp., typewriter maintenance	22.72	
Lewis H. Blackmer, printing	22.84	
Daniel F. Waters Co., office books	21.45	
Public Assistance Adm. Assn., dues	6.00	
Conference expenses	4.50	
Mass. Community Organ. Serv., subscription	5.00	
Mrs. Peterson, conservator fee	5.00	1,162.43
		$21,673.87

AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

From Town Appropriation		
Cash aid, sundry persons	850.95	
From Federal Grants		
Cash aid, sundry persons	1,262.10	
Lena Wilson, administrative	59.86	2,172.91

SCHOOLS

School Committee		
Salaries and Expenses		
E. Clifton Witt	50.00	

Fanny Morey	40.00	
W. Paige Piper	40.00	
Chartwell House, book	2.40	
Mass. Assn. of School Committees	13.00	
Mary B. Shaffer, dinners	13.00	158.40
School Superintendent and Administrative Assistant		
Salaries and Expenses		
Edwin Cox	585.56	
Carl Peterson	4,596.60	5,182.16
Rose Dewey, clerical work	1,657.84	
Ruth Crowther	48.90	
Doris Squires	310.50	2,017.24
New England and Mass. Assn., dues	17.00	
Supt. of Documents, subscription	7.50	
Edwin Cox, conference expenses	18.40	
Carl Peterson, convention expenses	111.70	
Edwin Cox, travel allowance	106.25	
Carl Peterson, travel	182.00	
Postage	4.18	
Forbes Snyder, Inc., repair, supplies	35.78	
N. E. Assn. of Colleges, dues	7.50	
Jackson's Store, supplies	2.10	
Books, sundry persons	19.03	511.44
D. Donald Hazen, truant officer		11.41
Teachers' Expenses		
Guy Harrington, travel and convention	141.50	
Lewis H. Blackmer, printing	9.02	
Guy Harringoton, box rent and postage	1.90	
Forbes Snyder, supplies	6.25	158.67
New England Tel. & Tel.		381.67
All Other		
William Shaw, insurance, projector	6.50	
Petty cash account	25.00	
High School Athletic fund	200.00	
Higham, Neilson, Whitridge & Reid, sports medical policy	210.00	
Student Car		
Valley Motor Sales, keys	.50	
Raymond Gould, gas	12.07	

Frank Cebula, insurance	19.57	
Clara Cook, festival fees	9.00	
Donald Geer, audio visual aid	4.83	
Educational Test Bureau	18.55	
H. T. Janes, supplies	8.10	
Lewis H. Blackmer, printing	5.90	520.02
Salaries of Teachers and Substitutes		
Bernadette Bowler	2,757.19	
Gilbert Carlson	1,547.51	
Mildred Carter	2,596.51	
John Connolly	2,509.25	
Robert Diamond	1,623.86	
Elwyn Doubleday	3,382.07	
Chester Eisold	3,000.01	
Eleanor Fitzgerald	2,867.29	
Alice Flaherty	2,698.74	
Donald Geer	2,469.31	
Guy Harrington	4,134.67	
Vera Harrington	2,934.65	
Nancy Hudson	2,534.66	
Madeleine Lambert	2,800.01	
Emma Loftus	2,384.38	
Irene Orlando	2,869.22	
Sophia Pero	3,000.01	
Mildred Robbins	2,900.01	
Nellie Shea	2,600.01	
Ronald Susee	2,412.51	
Ada Tague	3,085.51	
Elaine Webber	1,852.72	
Helen Carlin	876.15	
Louise Dickinson	910.80	
Angela LeGrand	299.67	
Ruth Rietzel	945.43	
Marion Shaw	1,014.57	
Clara Cook, music	1,580.04	
Florence Jackson	2,624.62	
Richard Gabel, art	40.00	
Ethel Collis, evening school	144.00	
Ruth Kempkes, evening school	63.00	
Practice Teachers	154.00	

Lucy Sullivan	144.00	
Rachel Shumway	225.00	
Frances Hodgen	415.00	
Shirley Dutton	7.00	
Jean Chaffee	42.00	
Barbara Harrington	24.50	
Blanche Austin	217.00	
Ruth Fuller	126.00	
Dorothy Barton	21.00	
Margaret Austin	7.00	
Rinehard Handwriting System	600.00	69,440.88
Fuel and Light		
Francis Loftus, wood	95.00	
Chadbourne's, oil	3,790.02	
Worcester County Electric Co., lights	460.67	4,345.69
Books and supplies		4,191.59
Janitors		
George Dewey	2,849.94	
William Kimball, Jr.	1,626.82	
Robert Lindquist	12.45	
Milton Miller	65.00	
Albert Dudek	379.00	
William Aldrich	90.00	
Richard Lancey	10.00	
Samuel Joyal	18.00	5,051.21
Janitor and Toilet Room Supplies		
Richo Products Co.	351.54	
Arthur Condon, soap	113.50	
Samuel Goodhue	19.60	
Quirk Paper Co.	64.30	
J. B. Sibley, shovel	2.19	
H. E. Kimball & Sons	17.84	
Atlas Products	66.20	
Ed Carter Co.	155.00	
C. M. C. Lab., floor sealer	69.42	
Cascade Paper Co.	10.12	
The Ryther & Warren Co.	13.15	
Jackson's Store	1.12	
Acme Products	67.15	

C. B. Dolge	27.69	
Valley Forge	14.56	
Lunner Floor Service	14.25	
A. G. Market	3.07	1,010.70
Water		
Belchertown Water District		191.17
Repairs to Buildings and Care of Grounds		
Emma Loftus, keys	.65	
Allen & Shumway	38.65	
Carl Peterson	1.50	
M. C. Baggs, plumbing	18.00	
Ralph Dooley, plumbing	17.14	
The Ryther & Warren Co., lumber, etc.	89.98	
Wm. Aldrich, roof repairs, mowing	16.00	
Gray's Drapery Shop, window shades	42.00	
Harry Sessions, electrical repairs	171.63	
Red Lion Products, wax	40.75	
Albert Dudek, repairs	57.00	
E. W. Fiske Co.	8.20	
Kimball & Hussey, repairs	1,645.26	
Elder Jones, plaster	1.22	
H. E. Kimball & Sons	72.77	
Richo Products	10.26	
J. L. Hammett Co., paint brushes	10.33	
Mutual Plumbing & Heating Co., rent of sander	6.50	
A. C. Horne, Duocrex	15.70	
Highland Paint Co.	46.50	
W. S. Piper & Son, mowing	20.00	
Samuel Joyal, labor	12.00	
Robert Lindquist, labor	9.10	2,351.14
Other Repairs and Replacements		
Valley Cinema, repairs projector	15.50	
Forbes Snyder, Inc.	72.72	
J. Russell & Co., cord	3.75	
Royal Typewriter Co.	332.50	
N. E. Slide Film Library, projector	96.65	
Jackson's Store, projector	96.65	
Burroughs Machine Co., repairs	8.40	626.17

New Equipment		
Cascade Paper Co., desks and chairs	1,217.18	
Guthrie Fence Co.	254.00	1,471.18
Transportation		
Lafayette Ayers	2,350.00	
Lincoln Cook	2,160.00	
Raymond Gay	5,600.00	
Donald Hazen	2,300.00	
Everett Howard	2,270.00	
William Squires	2,300.00	
Special trips		
Lafayette Ayers	10.00	
Raymond Gay	22.00	
D. Donald Hazen	35.00	
William Squires	36.00	17,083.00
Graduation Expenses		
Everett W. Stephens, graduation speaker	25.00	
L. G. Balfour Co., pro merito pins	7.59	
W. M. Welch Mfg. Co., diplomas	80.45	113.04
Health		
Minnie Davis, school nurse	2.530.62	
Charlotte Ketchen, nurse	60.00	
Dr. James L. Collard, school physician	300.00	
Minnie Davis, travel	300.00	
American School Health Assn., dues	3.00	
Belchertown Pharmacy, supplies	42.59	
McGraw-Hill Co., health book	3.72	
A. G. Market	10.00	3,249.93
Household Arts (exclusive of salaries)		
Chadbourne's, fuel oil	262.65	
Worcester Co. Electric Co., electricity	60.40	
Florence Jackson, food supplies	14.75	
A. G. Market	120.21	
Steiger's Store, steam iron	21.40	
Mrs. Wm. Squires, sewing mach. supplies	1.10	
Kimball & Hussey, blackboard, etc.	16.87	
J. L. Hammett Co., supplies	8.90	
Text books, sundry persons	46.70	

Florence Jackson, conference expenses	25.68	
Harry Sessions, electrical repairs	3.95	
P. G. Harrington, cleaning and repairing boiler	14.75	597.36
Total for Schools		$118,664.07

SCHOOLS—FROM OTHER FUNDS

George Barden Fund—Smith-Hughes Fund

Ethel Collis	54.00	
Ruth Kempkes	54.00	108.00

HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC FUND

Referees, umpires, equipment, etc.		702.34

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

City of Springfield	227.01	
City of Holyoke	44.46	
Town of New Salem	40.88	
Everett Lowell, transportation	31.00	
Irvin Shyloski, transportation	37.05	
George Suhm, transportation	38.68	
Catherine Romaniak, transportation	45.90	
Robert Chevalier, transportation	31.20	496.18

ENGINEERING EXPENSE—ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BUILDING

Russell Snow, surveying Clapp lot	255.00	
M. C. Britt, test borings	144.00	399.00

LAWRENCE PARSONS FIELD

Worcester County Electric Co., lights	11.00	
Robert Camp, mowing	49.13	
Samuel Joyal, mowing	99.00	
Baker's Sports Center, set of bases	16.50	
Ralph Dooley, bubbler	17.82	
Town equipment	24.25	
Sundry persons, labor	74.40	292.10

SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM

Chester Eisold, director	303.50	
Alice Witt	50.00	
Ann Young	50.00	

The Ryther & Warren Co., supplies	2.85	
Magnus Craft Materials	25.41	
A. G. Market	8.57	
Bill Carroll Sport Goods	44.25	
Aubuchon Store	1.45	
Johnson's Bookstore	4.25	
Webster's Store	4.00	494.28
CLAPP MEMORIAL LIBRARY		
Chadbourne's, fuel oil	211.95	
Worcester Co. Electric Co., lights	31.80	
Bell & Hudson Insurance Agency, insurance	9.11	
W. S. Piper and Son, mowing	3.00	
Allen & Shumway, plumbing repairs	10.08	
Seipel Inc., building repairs	25.00	
Lewis H. Blackmer, binding Sentinels	10.00	
Books and magazines, sundry persons	394.80	695.74
MEMORIAL DAY		
Kelly the Florist	16.00	
Belchertown Pharmacy	14.00	
Jackson's Store, flags	25.50	
Webster's Store	9.00	
St. Mary's Drum Corps	100.00	164.50
ARMISTICE DAY		
Kelly the Florist		55.50
INSURANCE		
Star Insurance Co. of America	14.00	
Anna R. Gold	253.00	
Bell & Hudson Insurance Agency	2,734.91	3,001.91
TOWN CLOCK		
George Wyman, repairs		50.00
PUBLIC DUMP		
Labor and trucks, sundry presons	71.75	
Town tractor	43.50	115.25
COMMON		
Worcester Co. Electric Co., lights	12.50	
Mowing		
Robert Camp	59.64	

David Hodgen	2.00	
Donald Bock	2.00	
Samuel Joyal	41.25	
Norman Wilson	27.00	144.39
PHOTOSTATS OF VETERANS' DISCHARGES		
Schmidt Photo Service		12.00
LAND TAKING		
Poole Road, sundry persons		4.00
LAYING OUT POOLE ROAD EXTENSION		
Russell Snow		100.00
PLANNING BOARD EXPENSE		
M. O. Saunders, Springfield	100.00	
Morse & Morse, legal opinions	25.00	125.00
UNCLASSIFIED		
Impounding and sale of cattle, sundry persons		197.20
June S. Henneman, preparing Town Report copy		60.00
Lewis H. Blackmer, printing Town Reports		467.20
Alvin Bush, fence viewer		11.31
Robert White, field driver		9.20
Lewis H. Blackmer, printing		8.15
Citizens' Committee, selectees' send-off expenses		16.00
		$769.06
CEMETERIES		
Charles Austin	384.37	
Lincoln Cook	109.35	
Fred Dewey	390.60	
Samuel Joyal	6.00	
Francis Loftus	13.50	
Norman Wilson, sharpening lawn mower	21.00	
First National Store, seed	12.53	
The Ryther & Warren Co., shovel, seed, etc.	12.65	950.00
SOLDIERS' GRAVES		
Fred Dewey	160.20	
Norman Wilson	42.90	
Charles Austin	39.85	
The Ryther & Warren Co., tools	7.05	250.00

INTEREST		
First National Bank of Boston, int. Sewer Loan	575.00	
Palmer National Bank, int. Road Machinery Loan	168.75	743.75
MATURING DEBT AND INTEREST—SEWERS		
First National Bank of Boston, interest	500.00	
First National Bank of Boston, debt	1,333.33	1,833.33
($66.67 of the $2,500.00 from Sewer Rentals used for Maintenance)		
MATURING DEBT		
First National Bank of Boston, sewer loan		666.67
MATURING DEBT—ROAD MACHINERY NOTES		
Palmer National Bank, Road Machinery Loan 1947	1,000.00	
Palmer National Bank, Road Machinery Loan of 1949	2,000.00	3,000.00
AGENCY		
Withholding Tax		
Collector of Internal Revenue	3,816.80	
Federal Reserve Bank of Boston	6,155.57	9.972.37
Commonwealth of Massachusetts		
State Audit	15.27	
State Parks and Reservations	332.42	347.69
County of Hampshire		
County Tax	9,369.95	
Dog Licenses	1,016.40	10,386.35
Dog Officer Fees		
Edward Conkey	21.50	
Robert White	140.00	161.50
		$20,867.91
TRUST		
Hampshire County Retirement System	645.40	
Hampshire County Retirement System, town appropriation	526.20	1,171.60

Washington National Insurance Co., health insurance	648.93	
Mass. Hospital Service	892.53	1,541.46
Cemetery Perpetual Care		
Labor, sundry persons	521.90	
Belchertown Water District	8.10	530.00
Private Trust accounts		997.98
Calvin Bridgman Library Fund, income		200.00
		$4,441.04
INVESTMENTS		
Amherst Savings Bank		
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds		275.00
REFUNDS AND TRANSFERS		
Clapp Memorial Library, dog licenses	746.21	
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax refunds, 1950	96.24	
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax refunds, 1951	869.09	
W. E. Shaw, Town Clerk, refund on dog licenses	.25	
W. E. Shaw, Tax Collector, refund on poll taxes, 1951	4.00	1,715.79
Total expenditures for year ending Dec. 31, 1951		$305,060.15
Cash in treasury Dec. 31, 1951		121,458.95
		$426,519.10

We hereby certify the foregoing information to be complete and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Ella A. Stebbins
June S. Henneman

Table listing the names of those who have done work on the highways, and the amounts received individually for labor and equipment

Name	Sewers—Const. & Maint.		Chapter 81		Chap. 90—Maint.	Ch. 90—Const.		Snow		All Other	Totals
	Labor	Equip.	Labor	Equip.	Labor & E.	Labor	Equip.	Labor	Equip.	Labor & E.	
Austin C. F.	$44.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	44.00
Baggs M. C.	371.00	82.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	453.50
Booth Geo.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	69.75	.....	.....	.....	.....	69.75
Boudreau L.	16.25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	16.25
Bronner Ray	.....	.....	29.65	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	29.45
Buzzard Earl	50.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50.00
Camp Rob't, Jr.	29.70	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	29.70
Chadbourne's	.....	.....	.....	406.25	45.50	.....	39.00	.....	26.00	87.75	604.50
Chartier Ray	.....	.....	22.80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	22.80
Cook L. A.	14.30	.....	82.65	.....	.....	.....	.....	31.90	.....	.....	128.85
Davis Carl	.....	.....	22.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	34.10	.....	.....	56.10
Dooley Ralph	10.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10.50
Dunbar Stanley	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	22.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	22.00
Fay Earl	.....	.....	1,037.37	.....	20.34	37.25	.....	35.76	.....	4.40	1,135.12
Fay Rob't	.....	.....	599.50	.....	17.60	13.20	.....	.....	.....	.....	630.30
Frost Ronald	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	111.10	.....	.....	.....	.....	111.10
Germain Adel.	.....	.....	771.10	.....	9.90	30.80	.....	.....	.....	107.80	919.60
Germain Ern't	25.00	.....	689.30	.....	20.34	58.28	.....	107.35	.....	13.56	913.83
Gill Chas.	2.85	.....	1,234.05	.....	27.50	22.00	.....	40.70	.....	56.10	1,383.20
Hazen D. D.	185.50	231.50	.....	398.75	45.50	.....	289.28	.....	.....	113.75	1,264.28
Henderson L.	10.00	.....	1,326.60	.....	19.80	203.20	.....	74.80	.....	82.50	1,716.90
Henneman A.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	13.50
Hill Nelson	.....	.....	2.38	.....	.....	6.60	.....	16.00	.....	.....	24.98
Jenks Ray.	.....	.....	140.80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	140.80
Jenks Robert	.....	.....	83.68	.....	.....	17.60	.....	.....	.....	52.15	153.43
Joyal Arthur	.....	.....	403.60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	403.60
Joyal Robert	26.60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	26.60
Kulig Bolac	.....	.....	6.60	.....	.....	.....	.....	9.90	.....	.....	16.50
Kulig Joseph	.....	.....	2,141.10	.....	45.70	79.10	.....	168.00	.....	220.80	2,654.70

Kulig Stanley			6.60					22.00			28.60
Lapointe Aime	169.88										169.88
Lemon Francis			149.60		7.70	22.00				5.50	184.80
Lincoln Fred'k				596.50	54.00	15.40	771.24		35.75	121.50	1,594.39
Lizak John		15.00		24.75							39.75
Loftus Francis	53.20					149.60					202.80
Loftus Norman	13.80		2.85			44.00					60.65
Lyons Lawrence							30.00				30.00
Middlemast Elmer						54.75					54.75
Moore Walter	2.94		1,215.09		7.91	9.04				5.65	1,240.63
Nutting Roy		425.75		169.00						65.00	659.75
Patnaude Clar.	6.90		1,006.50		19.80					27.50	1,069.50
Peeso Raymond	57.40										57.40
Piper W. Paige				12.00					33.00		45.00
Pranaitis John						30.30					30.30
Puffer Stephen		295.00		431.88			93.00		165.00	444.25	1,429.13
Rhodes Charles				221.00							221.00
Rhodes Clinton	17.50		714.10	572.75	9.90	205.70	319.15			144.75	1,983.85
Rhodes Leslie				119.00					42.50		161.50
Shumway E. F.	77.00	113.75		32.50		384.00	733.83			113.75	1,454.83
Shyloski Irvin				198.00							198.00
Schmidt Edw.				105.00							105.00
Smith George						19.80					19.80
Stone Malcolm			10.69	26.00						87.75	124.44
Stone Robert	3.90		2,180.44		48.59	58.76		97.18		123.17	2,512.04
Sullivan John						88.00					88.00
Sullivan Mau.	50.00										50.00
Terry Donald	15.90										15.90
Tucker Thomas						278.30					278.30
Warner Bros.		253.00		494.40			1,785.18				2,532.58
White David		35.00			42.00				78.00		155.00
Wilson Norm.	306.31		136.67								442.98
Wolfram Sidn'y				183.75							183.75
Sun. Persons	140.70	17.00	11.88			24.20	6.00	25.30	83.63		308.71
	$1,701.13	$1,468.50	$14,027.40	$3,991.53	$442.08	$2,077.03	$4,066.68	$662.99	$463.88	$1,877.63	$30,778.85

Road Machinery Earnings— 1951

Equipment	Chapter 81	Sewers	Snow	Chap. 90 Const.	Chap. 90 Maint.	Bridges	Flood	Sidewalks	Sundry Persons	Totals
Truck No. 1	$1,516.00	.....	$86.25	$12.40	$38.10	$13.50	$37.20	.....	$53.00	$1,756.45
Truck No. 2	2,224.00	.....	127.75	141.75	64.75	157.50	61.25	12.25	33.05	2,822.30
Sander	55.90	.....	.....	6.60	11.70	.....	.....	.....	.....	74.20
Grader	1,995.00	.....	84.00	87.50	.....	.....	122.50	.....	226.00	2,515.00
Bulldozer	.....	3.75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	78.75	82.50
Loader	172.90	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	172.90
Tractor	147.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	53.50	201.00
Mower	57.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	57.00
Compressor	.....	20.25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20.25
Work on Driveways	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	53.15	53.15
	$6,168.30	$24.00	$298.00	$248.25	$114.55	$171.00	$220.95	$12.25	$497.45	$7,754.75

Report of Sealer of Weights and Measures

Tested and sealed January 1, 1951—December 31, 1951:

Platform Scales, 10,000 lbs. and over	1
Platform Scales, 100 lbs to 5,000 lbs.	7
Spring Scales under 100 lbs.	19
Liquid Measures under 1 gal.	4
Gasoline Pumps	19

I have collected and turned over to the Town Treasurer fees amounting to $41.05.

RAYMOND C. GAY,
Sealer of Weights and Measures

Report of Planning Board

To the Citizens of Belchertown:

It is with great pleasure your Planning Board submits its first annual report.

The Board at its first meeting organized and appointed Mr. Byron A. Hudson its Chairman.

Throughout most of the year, monthly meetings were held and definite progress was established when Mr. Maynard O. Saunders of Springfield, Planning Board Consultant, was employed to act as Consulting Engineer and Technical Advisor of the Board, in the matter of preparation of By-Law and maps in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth.

In conclusion the Board wishes to state that in the near future the citizens of the town will have ample opportunity to examine the new zoning by-law and maps.

It is the plan of this Board to cooperate fully in any matter pertaining to Town Planning and we welcome the opportunity to discuss any problem presented to us.

It is hoped that the final accomplishments of all matters pertaining to your Planning Board will justify all expenditures that you have so graciously provided.

Respectfully submitted,
BYRON A. HUDSON
EVERETT A. GEER
BRUCE W. GROVER
FREDERICK D. FARLEY
ROBERT J. BRADEN

Town Warrant

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
FEBRUARY 4 AND 11, 1952

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
HAMPSHIRE, SS.

To any of the constables of the Town of Belchertown, in said County, GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn all the inhabitants of the Town of Belchertown, qualified to vote in elections of town officers, to meet at the several polling places in said Belchertown, designated by the Selectmen, to wit:

IN PRECINCT A, at Lawrence Memorial Hall in Jabish Street.

IN PRECINCT B, at the Franklin School Building in Franklin Street in South Belchertown, on Monday, the fourth day of February, A. D. 1952, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to give in their votes on one ballot to precinct officers of the several polling precincts of said Town for the following officers, to wit: a Moderator, a Town Clerk, a Treasurer, three Selectmen, five Constables, a Tree Warden, each for one year; one Collector of Taxes for three years, one School Committee member for three years, one Assessor for three years, one Sewer Commissioner for three years, one Planning Board member for five years, one Cemetery Commissioner for three years.

The polls will be open at nine o'clock in the forenoon and closed at seven o'clock p. m.

And you are further hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Belchertown qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Lawrence Memorial Hall in said Belchertown, on Monday, the eleventh day of February A. D. 1952, at 7.30 o'-clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles, viz:

Art. 1. To choose the following named officers by nomination: two Almoners of the Whiting Street and the Mrs. Susan M. D. Bridgman Funds, each for one year; one trustee of the Calvin Bridgman Fund for three years.

Art. 2. To hear the reports of the officers of the town and of any committees that may have been appointed by the town and act thereon.

Art. 3. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as shall be deemed necessary to defray the expenses listed in the Finance Committee report for the current financial year and act thereon.

Art. 4. To see if the town will vote to give to Clapp Memorial Library the balance of the dog license fund after damages are paid, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 5. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 81 Highways, or take any action in relation thereto.

Art. 6. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 90 Highway Construction, on the Three Rivers Road, or take any action in relation thereto.

Art. 7. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 90 Highway Maintenance, or take any action in relation thereto.

Art. 8. To see if the town will vote to rescind the votes passed at the special town meeting on October 8, 1951, under Articles I and II in the warrant for said special meeting.

Art. 9. To hear a report of the Elementary School Building Committee, and act thereon.

Art. 10. To see if the town will authorize and direct the Board of Selectmen to purchase for the sum of Three Thousand ($3,000) Dollars, or take by eminent domain under Chapter 79 of the General Laws, for school purposes, the real estate of Edward P. Bartlett and Eleanor S. Bartlett, situated on the easterly side of South Main Street, in Belchertown, Massachusetts, and known as the "Clapp Lot", together with a strip of land fifty (50) feet wide extending from said South Main Street to said "Clapp Lot", being the same premises described in a written option dated January 18, 1952, signed by said Edward P. Bartlett and Eleanor S. Bartlett and filed in the Town Clerk's office, to which reference is expressly made for a more particular description; subject to the easements, restrictions and covenants therein set forth; and appropriate the sum of Thirty-three Hundred ($3,300) Dollars for the acquisition of said real estate and for legal expenses involved in said transaction, or act otherwise thereon.

Art. 11. To see if the town will appropriate, for the use of the Elementary School Building Committee, the balance of the appropriation of Eleven Thousand ($11,000) Dollars from the Post War Rehabilitation Fund, as previously authorized at a special town meeting held June 26, 1950, approved by the Emergency Finance Board of the Commonwealth on June 4, 1951, or act otherwise thereon.

Art. 12. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from the Road Machinery Earnings Account the sum of $5,000.00 to the Road Machinery Expense Account, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 13. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from the

Road Machinery Earnings Account the sum of $2,000.00 to pay a note issued in 1949, for the purchase of road machinery, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 14. To see if the town will authorize the payment of $130.00 for the salaries of the School Committee for the year ensuing, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 15. To see if the town will vote to allow the Selectmen to appoint one of their members Inspector of Animals for the year 1952, as provided for in the General Laws, at a salary not to exceed $200.00, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 16. To see if the town will vote to allow the Cemetery Commissioners to appoint themselves to work in the cemeteries at a rate not to exceed 90 cents per hour for the year 1952, as provided for in the General Laws, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 17. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Moderator to appoint a committee to investigate the establishment of a public parking area on the south end of the Common, said committee to report its findings at the next town meeting, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 18. To see if the town will vote to authorize the payment of $200.00 for salaries of the Sewer Commissioners for the year ensuing, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 19. To see if the town will vote to allow the Sewer Commissioners to appoint themselves to work on the town sewer system at a rate not to exceeed $1.50 per hour for the year 1952, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 20. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of revenue of the municipal year beginning January 1, 1952, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 21. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from the

Insurance Reserve Account the sum of $525.00 to the Insurance Account, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 22. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate from available funds the sum of $100.30 to liquidate an overdraft of the Sewer Maintenance Account.

Art. 23. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate from available funds the sum of $787.68, due the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for snow removal expenses in 1947 and 1948, or take any other action relative thereto.

Art. 24. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums for bills incurred in 1951:

Lena N. Wilson, Health	$12.50
J. R. Newman, Health	16.50
Harry E. Sessions, Wire Inspector	42.00
Russell Snow, Poole Road Layout	112.00
Harold Willey, Appraisals Sewer Takings	25.00
Sundry Persons, Vocational Education	39.13
Morse & Morse, Law	58.40
Sewer Commissioners, Salaries	175.00

or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 25. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Moderator to appoint a committee to investigate and study the provisions of Chapter 622, Acts of 1949, relative to the organization of union health departments, and to determine the desirability of the town joining with one or more surrounding towns to form a union health department; said committee to report its findings to the next annual town meeting.

Art. 26. To see if the town will vote to accept the layout of the Poole Road extension, so-called, as made by the Board of Selectmen, under date of October 11, 1951, and as shown on a plan, dated November 23, 1951, on file in the Town Clerk's office in Belchertown, Massachusetts, or act otherwise thereon.

Art. 27. To see if the town will vote to accept as a public town highway that section of Poole Road, so-called, extending from Bay Road northerly a distance of approximately 600 feet, as shown on a plan, dated July 17, 1950, on file in the Town Clerk's office in Belchertown, Massachusetts, and further that said highway shall be officially designated as Poole Road, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 28. To see if the town will vote to amend the action taken under Article 22 of the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting held February 12, 1951, by inserting after the words, "World War I and II" the following, "and the Korean Conflict", or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 29. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the War Memorial Fund, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 30. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the construction and completion of the Federal Street Sewer Project, beginning at the residence of Clarence Pierce, following northerly along Federal Street to Webster's Store, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 31. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow a sum of money not to exceed $9,000.00, and to issue a note or notes of the Town therefor, payable in not more than ten years from date of issue; this debt to be incurred for the purpose of constructing and completing the Federal Street Sewer Project; or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 32. To see if the town will vote to form a Public Welfare District together with the Town of Granby, to be effective on April 1, 1952, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 33. To see if the town will vote to accept the provisions of Section 103A, Chapter 54 of the General Laws, pertaining to absentee voting in town elections, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 34. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of a Diesel tractor and to use the proceeds toward the purchase of a tractor loader, and further that a sum of money from the Road Machinery Earnings Account be made available to pay any balance on such purchase, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 35. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one on the Town Hall, one at Lawrence Memorial Hall, one at Union School at Dwight, and one at Keyes' Hotel seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at or before the time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this nineteenth day of January, A. D. 1952.

ISAAC A. HODGEN
EDWARD L. GERMAIN
FRANCIS M. AUSTIN
Selectmen of Belchertown

Report of Finance Committee

Account	Appropriations 1951	Recommended 1952		
Selectmen	$1,050.00	Ch. of Select.	$175.00	
		Clerk	125.00	
		Other Mem.	125.00	
		Expenses	200.00	
Town Accountant	425.00	Salary	500.00	
		Expenses	25.00	
Treasurer	815.00	Salary	725.00	
		Expenses	290.00	
Tax Collector	1,025.00	Salary	700.00	Plus fees
		Expenses	575.00	
Assessors	1,050.00	Salary, Ch.	300.00	
		Other Mem.	200.00	
		Other Mem.	200.00	
		Expenses	400.00	
Town Clerk	500.00	Salary	300.00	Plus fees
		Expenses	200.00	
Election and Registration	600.00		1,050.00	
Certification of Notes	20.00		20.00	
Law	150.00		200.00	
Town Hall	800.00		300.00	
Lawrence Memorial Hall	400.00		400.00	
Legion Headquarters	350.00		350.00	
Police	1,000.00		1,700.00	
Fire Department	2,300.00		2,600.00	
Forest Fires	1,100.00		1,500.00	
Hydrants	1,500.00		1,500.00	
Moth Suppression	600.00		600.00	
Dutch Elm Disease	500.00		1,000.00	
Tree Warden	400.00		600.00	
Sealer of Weights and Meas.	100.00		100.00	
Inspector of Wires	75.00		100.00	
Health	1,900.00		1,200.00	
Sewers—Maintenance	300.00		2,500.00	
Highways—Chapter 81	4,120.00		4,120.00	
Highways—Chap. 90, Maint.	500.00		1,000.00	
Highways—Snow	3,000.00		1,500 00	
Highways—Streets	100.00		100.00	
Highways—Sidewalks	50.00		100.00	
Highways—Bridges	1,000.00		1,000.00	

APPENDIX

Account	Appropriations 1951	Recommended 1952
Street Lights	2,128.75	2,059.00
Public Welfare	4,500.00	1,500.00
Public Welfare		Ch. Pub. Wel. 175.00
		Other Mem. 125.00
		Other Mem. 125.00
Veterans' Aid	500.00	500.00
Old Age Assistance	37,500.00	42,500.00
Aid Dependent Children	3,250.00	1,100.00
Disability Assistance		3,000.00
Schools	118,641.00	123,230.00
Vocational Education	500.00	1,000.00
Parsons Recreational Field	300.00	300.00
Clapp Memorial Library	700.00	700.00
Cemeteries	950.00	1,050.00
Soldiers' Graves	250.00	250.00
Unclassified	600.00	600.00
Reserve Fund	2,000.00	3,500.00
Memorial Day	200.00	200.00
Armistice Day	50.00	60.00
Honor Roll	20.00	20.00
Insurance	3,525.00	4,150.00
Interest	800.00	1,145.00
Town Clock	100.00	130.00
Public Dump	50.00	100.00
Common	150.00	150.00
Photostats of Discharges	25.00	25.00
Summer Recreation Program	500.00	500.00
Civil Defense	1,500.00	1,500.00
Retirement Payments	526.00	381.12
Planning Board	1,000.00	300.00
Maturing Debt	2,000.00	2,000.00

All items requiring appropriations for Sewer Department approved, subject to same percentage basis as previously approved for original appropriation, namely, ⅓ payable by all taxpayers, ⅔ payable by Sewer District.

Art. 22—$100.30. Art. 24—last item, $175.00. Art. 30—$9,000.00. Art. 31—$9,000.00. Art. 32—Not approved.

ROMEO J. JOYAL
RALPH W. TROMBLY
ELLIOTT S. CORDNER
AUBREY D. LAPOLICE
HUDSON HOLLAND
Finance Committee

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TOWN *of* BELCHERTOWN

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31

1952

Please Bring This Report to Town Meeting

Town Officers, 1952

MODERATOR

Lewis H. Blackmer	Term expires February 1953

TOWN CLERK AND TREASURER

William E. Shaw	Term expires February 1953

COLLECTOR OF TAXES AND TOWN COLLECTOR

William E. Shaw	Term expires February 1955

SELECTMEN, BOARD OF HEALTH AND BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

Isaac A. Hodgen	Term expires February 1953
Francis M. Austin	Term expires February 1953
Edward Germain	Resigned September 6, 1952

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Walter Paige Piper	Term expires February 1953
E. Clifton Witt	Term expires February 1954
Fanny G. Morey	Term expires February 1955

PLANNING BOARD

Robert J. Braden	Term expires February 1957
Byron A. Hudson	Term expires February 1956
Everett A. Geer	Term expires February 1955
Frederick D. Farley	Term expires February 1954
Bruce W. Grover	Term expires February 1953

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

Charles F. Austin	Term expires February 1953
Fred F. Dewey	Term expires February 1954
Lincoln A. Cook	Term expires February 1955

ASSESSORS

George E. Booth	Term expires February 1955
William F. Kimball, Jr.	Term expires February 1954
Frederick E. Lincoln	Term expires February 1953

SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Ella A. Stebbins	Retired December 1, 1952
Milton C. Baggs	Term expires February 1954
D. Donald Hazen	Term expires February 1955

TREE WARDEN

Edward B. Conkey	Term expires February 1953

CONSTABLES

Ernest M. Gay	Term expires 1953
Frank L. Gold	Term expires 1953
D. Donald Hazen	Term expires 1953
Nelson J. Hill	Term expires 1953
Andrew T. Sears	Term expires 1953

ALMONERS OF WHITING STREET AND MRS. SUSAN M. D. BRIDGMAN FUNDS

Mrs. Amy B. Witt	Term expires 1953
Mrs. Sophia M. Pero	Term expires 1953

TRUSTEES OF CALVIN BRIDGMAN FUND

Lewis H. Blackmer	Term expires February 1953
George A. Poole	Term expires February 1954
D. Donald Hazen	Term expires February 1955

APPOINTIVE OFFICERS

TRUSTEE FOR HAMP. CO. AID TO AGRICULTURE

Robert E. Hanifin	Term expires February 1953

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Ella A. Stebbins	Retired December 1, 1952
Eleanor Sporbert	Appointed December 1, 1952

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Raymond T. Beaudoin	Term expires 1955
Alice T. Flaherty	Term expires 1954
Roy G. Shaw	Term expires 1953

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Aubrey Lapolice	Term expires 1955
Sidney T. Wheeler	Term expires 1955
Hudson Holland	Term expires 1954
Ralph W. Trombly	Term expires 1953
Elliott S. Cordner	Term expires 1953

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS

Joseph Kulig

FIRE CHIEF AND FOREST WARDEN

Joseph J. Kempkes, Sr.

MOTH SUPERINTENDENT

Edward B. Conkey

CHIEF OF POLICE

Frank L. Gold

SPECIAL AGENT FOR BOARD OF HEALTH

Dr. Henry A. Tadgell

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

Dr. Francis M. Austin

INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING

John R. Newman

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Raymond C. Gay

INSPECTOR OF WIRING

Harry E. Sessions

SPECIAL POLICE

Dr. Henry A. Tadgell
Thomas P. Feeney
George B. Wyman

Merle H. Mason	State School
Paul T. Austin	State School
Frank E. Farrington, Sr.	State School
Leon A. Geoffroy	State School
Reo L. Terrien	State School
Daniel H. Schwartz	State School
J. Earle Penn	State School
Clarence Hubbard	School Traffic
Rose Wenzel	Street List
Minnie Flaherty	Street List
Helen Plant	Street List
Wallace F. Chevalier	Dog Officer

PUBLIC WEIGHERS

Harry L. Ryther	
H. Morgan Ryther	
Helena Brown	
Elwyn Hayes	
John P. Harrington	State School
John E. Davis	State School
Paul T. Austin	State School
John M. Connelly	State School
Patrick J. Nagle	State School
Theodore M. Picard	State School
John T. Flaherty	State School
Chester Sosnowski	State School
Aubrey D. Lapolice	State School
Wendell C. McGinnis	State School

MEASURERS OF WOOD AND LUMBER

Edwin F. Shumway
Raymond C. Gay
Theron V. Pratt

FENCE VIEWERS AND FIELD DRIVERS

Alvin H. Bush
Robert E. White

DEPUTY FOREST FIRE WARDENS

Kenneth F. Bristol
Guy C. Allen, Jr.
Isaac A. Hodgen
Roy G. Shaw
Carl J. Peterson

MEMBERS BELCHERTOWN FIRE DEPARTMENT

Joseph J. Kempkes, Chief
Isaac A. Hodgen, Assistant Chief
Kenneth F. Bristol, Captain
Roy G. Shaw, Lieutenant
Joseph J. Kempkes, Jr., Lieutenant
Carl J. Peterson, Lieutenant
Louis A. Shumway
Sherman Gould
Guy C. Allen, Jr.
Nelson J. Hill
Charles F. Austin
John Wood
Louis E. Fuller
Dr. Jamss L. Collard
Dr. Kenneth L. Collard
John A. Collis
William N. Webster
William H. Squires, Jr.
Royal K. Gay
Richard W. Lofland
Harold F. Peck
J. Raymond Gould
Ernest Gay
Walter P. Piper
Frederick E. Lincoln
George M. Dewey
William F. Kimball, Jr.
Doris L. Labrecque
Wilbur E. Eaton

JURORS

GRAND JUROR

Edward J. Landers

TRAVERSE JURORS

February
Richard I. Cole
Fanny G. Morey

May
Anthony F. Amico
Harold N. White

June
Wallace F. Chevalier
Louis J. Austin

October
Sam Bolduc
Annie Raddin French

VETERANS' AGENT

Edward Germain, *Resigned*	Isaac A. Hodgen

SENATORS IN CONGRESS

Leverett Saltonstall	Newton, Mass.
John Kennedy	Boston, Mass.

CONGRESSMAN—FIRST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

John Heselton	Deerfield, Mass.

STATE SENATOR

Ralph C. Mahar	Orange, Mass.

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

Isaac A. Hodgen	Belchertown, Mass.

COUNCILLOR—FIRST COUNCILLOR DISTRICT

Bruce Crane	Dalton, Mass.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Hiram H. Brownell	Northampton, Mass.
Raymond A. Lyman	Easthampton, Mass.
John R. Callahan, Jr.	Hadley, Mass.

CLERK OF COURTS

Grace T. Hawksley	Northampton, Mass.

REGISTER OF DEEDS

Raymond A. Warner	Williamsburg, Mass.

REGISTER OF PROBATE

Frank E. Tuit, II	Northampton, Mass.

COUNTY TREASURER

Howard A. Banner	Northampton, Mass

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Sanford Keedy	Amherst, Mass.

Report of Selectmen

The Board of Selectmen met and organized on February 7, 1952, with Edward Germain as chairman, Isaac A. Hodgen as clerk, and Francis M. Austin as chairman of the Board of Health. Until September 6, 1952, when Mr. Germain resigned his office, the Board functioned under this set-up. The remaining members chose to complete their terms with Mr. Hodgen accepting chairmanship, and Doctor Austin chairman of the Belchertown-Granby Welfare District.

Due to the many new projects requiring attention, this year's Board has had a full calendar.

The Belchertown-Granby Welfare District was organized, and assumed its duties in April 1952 with Mrs. Lena Wilson as its capable and efficient agent. The merge of the two towns to execute this important work has proved to be a most satisfactory arrangement for both.

Civilian Defense under the competent direction of James McKillop has become an organization that has no peer in any town in the Commonwealth. Mr. McKillop has worked hard, and has spent much of his time to make this organization an efficient instrument for the town's defense, should an emergency arise.

During the past year, the town acquired land on which to build a new elementary school. We board members realize fully and are most appreciative of the great amuont of time sacrificed by each of the building committee members, that this major project may be a credit to this town.

The board met on several occasions with Mr. Byron Hudson's committee on Zoning By-Laws. This committee also worked faithfully for many months to formulate rules and regulations to be voted upon at the annual town meeting in February.

The auto parking area at the south end of the common, which was completed in the fall, has done much to relieve the traffic congestion which has occurred heretofore in the business area.

The advisability of purchasing land on which to build an addition to the present fire house has been carefully studied by the board. The realtor in charge of the Boron lot adjoining the fire department property met the board and this site was carefully inspected. It was decided to bring the proposition before the voters in an article at the coming town meeting.

It is our sincere hope and prayer that a lasting world peace will soon be accomplished and those in the armed services be united with their loved ones, and life in our town be returned to its happy and tranquil keel.

This is a political curtain for the two remaining members of this board of Selectmen, and we wish our successors much luck for their coming terms as public servants. We feel that they as new members can depend upon the same kindness, helpfulness, and cooperation from all which was given us throughout the years of our stewardship.

ISAAC A. HODGEN
FRANCIS M. AUSTIN
Selectmen of Belchertown

Report of the Board of Health

The health records of the town for the year 1952 indicate an increase in the contagious diseases reported. The breakdown for the reportable diseases is as follows:

	Town	B. S. S.
Chicken Pox	16	19
Dog Bite	16	1
Bacillary Dysentery		1
German Measles	6	
Measles	55	173
Mumps		1
Scarlet Fever	15	
Pulmonary Tuberculosis		5
Whooping Cough		5
Typhoid Fever		1
Total	108	206

Inspections, complaints and investigations were attended to by the Board as the need for the same occurred.

FRANCIS M. AUSTIN
ISAAC A. HODGEN
Board of Health

Welfare District Report

Belchertown Board of Public Welfare
Granby Board of Public Welfare
Gentlemen:

We are pleased to submit herewith our first report from the Belchertown-Granby Welfare District.

Acting in accord with the vote of the towns of Belchertown and Granby, and under provisions of Chapter 117, Sections 44-46 of the General Laws, the District was formed in March, 1952, to perform public assistance administration for each town. Mr. Edward L. Germain was elected chairman, Jacob M. Merrill, secretary, and William E. Shaw, treasurer. Mrs. Lena N. Wilson, welfare agent for the town of Belchertown, was transferred to the District as agent, and the position of clerk and stenographer was filled by Mrs. Evelyn Wheble. Following the resignation of Mr. Germain in September, Dr. Francis M. Austin became chairman of the District committee.

By-Laws for the operation of the District were subsequently drawn up and approved by the Granby town counsel and the State Department of Public Welfare, and the District became operative April 1, 1952 with its office located on Main Street, Belchertown. Since that time both towns have had the advantage of a full time agent and a full time clerk, available at regular hours for the administration of Old Age Assistance, Aid to Dependent Children, Disability Assistance and General Relief.

District operating costs are subject to reimbursement from the

State and Federal governments, which should average between 75% and 80% of the total cost of operation, and the balance is borne by the participating towns on a percentage basis. The cost of equipping the District office and the fact that the State and Federal reimbursements are in arrears resulted in an increased cost this year to the towns. The administration of the various categories of assistance by the District from April 1, 1952 to January 1, 1953, cost the town of Belchertown $2,025.56, and the town of Granby $675.18.

Taking into consideration the amount already advanced to the District by the towns, the anticipated Federal and State reimbursements, and the estimated expenses for the coming year, the town of Belchertown should appropriate $1,350 for the District for 1953 and the town of Granby should not be called on for further funds for the coming year.

A statement of receipts and expenses follows:

Receipts:

	B'town	Granby	Tot. Towns	Total
Transfers to District from towns	3,150.00	1,500.00	4,650.00	
Commonwealth of Mass.	967.12	322.37	1,289.49	
Federal Grants	1,304.51	434.84	1,739.35	
	5,421.63	2,257.21	7,678.84	7,678.84
Withholding Tax				333.90
Total				8,012.74
Expenditures	4,297.19	1,432.39	5,729.58	5,729.58
Withholding Tax				333.90
Total				6,063.48
Balance on hand	1,124.44	824.82	1,949.26	1,949.26

Itemized Expenditures:

Salaries	$3,671.08

Travel	299.06	
Postage	131.01	
Office supplies	172.18	
Telephone	98.63	
Purchase of Equipment	697.98	
Rental and Maintenance	512.05	
Sign	20.00	
Other	60.39	
Fire Insurance	12.20	
Legal	55.00	$5,729.58
Withholding tax		333.90
Total		$6,063.48

FRANCIS M. AUSTIN
JACOB M. MERRILL
District Welfare Committee

Lena M. Wilson, *Agent*

The balance of $1,949.26 agrees with my records.

WILLIAM E. SHAW, *Treasurer*

Public Welfare Report

Board of Public Welfare
Belchertown, Mass.

Gentlemen:

This office is pleased to submit herewith the Public Welfare report for 1952. On April 1, 1952 the Belchertown-Granby Welfare District became operative, with its office located on Main Street. Since no change in administrative personnel was made, so far as Belchertown was concerned, joining the District had little effect on the administering of Old Age Assistance, Aid to Dependent Children, Disability Assistance or General Relief for this town.

Semi-annual reinvestigations have been made, according to State requirements. Increased payments under Old Age and Survivors Insurance, effective October 1, 1952, necssitated a corresponding decrease in the budgets of recipients receiving OASI.

A statistical report for the year follows:

	OAA	ADC	DA	GR
Number of cases Jan. 1, 1952	69	1	2	0
Transferred to town from other towns	5	0	0	0
New applications approved	1	0	0	3
Reapplications approved	5	0	0	3
Applications rejected	1	0	1	0
Cases closed by death	5	0	0	0
Transferred from town	1	0	0	1
Attained technical ineligibility	8	0	0	5
Withdrew from assistance	1	1	0	0

	OAA	ADC	DA	GR
Number persons aided in 1952	78	2	2	25
Number of cases aided in 1952	78	1	2	5
Number of cases Dec. 31, 1952	65	0	2	0
Division of Child Guardianship				1

A report showing the cost of the various categories of assistance for the Town of Belchertown follows:

Old Age Assistance

Expenditures		
Local payments	61,580.16	
To other cities and towns	1,584.49	
Total expense		63,164.65
Receipts		
Federal aid in grants	23,575.65	
State reimbursement	25,657.25	
From other cities and towns	1,570.65	
Cancelled checks and refunds	184.18	
Old Age Assistance meals tax	1,945.54	
Total receipts		52,933.27
Net cost for Old Age Assistance		10,231.38

Aid to Dependent Children

Expenditures		
Local payments	1,165.05	
Total expense		1,165.05
Receipts		
Federal aid in grants	402.00	
State reimbursement	478.32	
Total receipts		880.32
Net cost for Aid to Dependent Children		284.73

Disability Assistance

Expenditures		
Local payments	1,644.30	
Total expense		1,644.30

Receipts		
Federal aid in grants	633.54	
State reimbursement	423.62	
Total receipts		1,057.16
Net cost for Disability Assistance		587.14
General Relief		
Expenditures		
Local payments for maintenance	437.28	
Medical and hospitalization	571.00	
Tewksbury State Hospital	89.32	
Division of Child Guardianship	604.16	
Legal	10.00	
Total expense		1,711.76
Receipts		
From individuals	134.19	
From other cities and towns	425.88	
State reimbursement	223.66	
Total receipts		783.73
Net cost for General Relief		928.03
Administration		
Expenditures		
Belchertown administrative expense		
Board of Public Welfare	385.79	
Salaries and clerical	756.35	
Travel	27.02	
Postage	43.21	
Office supplies	70.34	
Telephone	43.92	
Equipment maintenance	14.52	
Other	65.50	
Total	1,406.65	
Belchertown-Granby Welfare District	2,025.56	
Total expense		3,432.21

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604
966

Receipts

Federal administrative grants, OAA	943.98	
Federal administrative grants, ADC	21.41	
Federal administrative grants, DA	53.54	
State administrative grant, DA	24.53	
Total receipts		1,043.46
Net cost for administration		2,388.75

Recapitulation

	Expenses	Receipts	Net Cost
Old Age Assistance	63,164.65	52,933.27	10,231.38
Aid to Dependent Children	1,165.05	880.32	284.73
Disability Assistance	1,644.30	1,057.16	587.14
General Relief	1,711.76	783.73	928.03
Administration	3,432.21	1,043.46	2,388.75
Total	71,117.97	56,697.94	14,420.03

Net cost to the town for Public Welfare for 1952	14,420.03
Old Age Assistance Recoveries for 1952	4,035.00

I wish to express my appreciation to your Board for your continued cooperation this year.

Respectfully submitted,
LENA N. WILSON, *Agent*

Report of Veterans' Aid

The year 1952 opened with one active case receiving benefits. During the year, two cases were aided; while three other cases were investigated, but no help given. One case has been put on permanent basis, and this is the only case aided at the close of 1952.

Local Payments	$429.24	
Administrative Pay	39.65	$468.89
Receipts		
State Reimbursements	$14.52	
	87.64	
	50.60	152.76
Total Cost for Veterans' Benefits during year 1952		$316.13

ISAAC A. HODGEN
Veterans' Agent

ELEANOR SPORBERT
Veterans' Clerk

Report of Assessors

The money to pay the cost of operating the town is derived from:

1. Taxation of real estate, personal estate and polls.
2. Grants, gifts and reimbursements from the Commonwealth and Federal Governments, and from other cities and towns.
3. Receipts of departments, available funds.
4. Licenses, permits and fines.
5. Miscellaneous other sources.

The amount to be raised by taxation was determined in this way:

The amount to be raised in the fiscal year		$295,433.35
Other expenses for the year:		
State parks and reservations	$409.79	
State audit	319.80	729.59
State Bill for Snow Removal, 1947-48		787.68
County tax		10,309.69
Overlay of current year		5,889.81
Gross amount to be raised		$313,150.12
Expected revenue from the Commonwealth and all other sources was estimated as	$113,472.30	
Taken from available funds	77,255.69	190,727.99
Deducting the expected revenue from the total expected expenditures gave the sum to to be raised by taxation as		$122,422.13

Total valuation:			
Personal property			$472,174.00
Real estate:			
Buildings		$1,689,635.39	
Land		87,273.00	1,776,908.39
Total tax levy at $55:			
Personal property		25,969.78	
Real estate		94,696.35	120,666.13
Polls (878)			1,756.00
			$122,422.13
Added Assessments:			
Real Estate	8,125	446.88	446.88
Polls	12	24.00	24.00

GEORGE E. BOOTH
FREDERICK E. LINCOLN
WILLIAM F. KIMBALL, JR.
Board of Assessors

Report of Collector

Real Estate Taxes of 1952		
Warrants of Assessors		$95,537.85
Refunds		269.31
		$95,807.16
Payments to Treasurer	$81,978.66	
Abated	1,626.24	
Outstanding December 31, 1952	12,202.26	95,807.16
Real Estate Taxes of 1951		
Outstanding January 1, 1952		10,270.77
Refunds		11.70
		$10,282.47
Payments to Treasurer	9,672.92	
Abated	57.20	
Outstanding December 31, 1952	552.35	10,282.47
Real Estate Taxes of 1950		
Outstanding January 1, 1952		66.04
Payments to Treasurer	40.04	
Abated	10.40	
Outstanding December 31, 1952	15.60	66.04
Personal Taxes of 1952		
Warrants of Assessors		25,969.78
Payments to Treasurer	21,474.15	
Abated	71.50	
Outstanding December 31, 1952	4,424.13	25,969.78

Personal Taxes of 1951		
Outstanding January 1, 1952		3,808.58
Payments to Treasurer	3,033.92	
Abated	80.60	
Outstanding December 31, 1952	694.06	3,808.58
Personal Taxes of 1950		
Outstanding January 1, 1952		198.30
Payments to Treasurer	198.30	198.30
Poll Taxes of 1952		
Warrants of Assessors		1,780.00
Refund		2.00
		1,782.00
Payments to Treasurer	1,568.00	
Abated	204.00	
Outstanding December 31, 1952	10.00	1,782.00
Motor Vehicle Excise of 1952		
Warrants of Assessors		21,223.70
Refunds		679.01
		$21,902.71
Payments to Treasurer	19,054.33	
Abated	1,394.86	
Outstanding December 31, 1952	1,453.52	21,902.71
Motor Vehicle Excise of 1951		
Outstanding January 1, 1952		1,029.84
Warrants of Assessors		1,326.56
Paid after abatement		24.59
Refunds		100.04
		$2,481.03
Payments to Treasurer	2,125.57	
Abated	306.04	
Outstanding December 31, 1952	49.42	2,481.03

Sewer Charges of 1952		
Warrants of Commissioners		2,940.11
Payments to Treasurer	2,626.78	
Abated	60.00	
Outstanding December 31, 1952	253.33	2,940.11
Sewer Charges of 1951		
Outstanding January 1, 1952		271.24
Payments to Treasurer	222.91	
Outstanding December 31, 1952	48.33	271.24

WILLIAM E. SHAW,

Collector of Taxes and Town Collector

Report of Treasurer

Dr.	
Cash in Treasury January 1, 1952	$121,452.06
Receipts January 1 to December 31, 1952	1,107,176.32
	$1,228,628.38

Cr.	
Warrants of Selectmen and Town Accountant	$986,159.23
Cash in Treasury December 31, 1952	242,469.15
	$1,228,628.38

Post War Rehabilitation Fund

Deposits	$613.35

Invested Fund

U. S. Treasury Bills. Maturity Value	$320,000.00

Trust Funds

Whiting Street Fund	$9,074.81
Susan Bridgman Poor Fund	3,500.00
George D. Longley School Music Fund	2,653.30
Calvin Bridgman High School Fund	7,047.68
Calvin Bridgman Library Fund	4,118.52
Willard A. Stebbins Cemetery Fence Fund	5,156.18
Susan M. D. Bridgman Cemetery Fund	429.63
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	24,715.02

WILLIAM E. SHAW, *Town Treasurer*

Report of Sewer Commissioners

The Federal St. Sewer was completed from a point near the Clarence Pierce property to property of Merle R. Green, and house connections installed to abutting houses.

The sewer was also extended on Federal St. from a manhole at the junction of Routes 202 and 9 to a point near the residence of Mrs. Paul Squires.

Tighe & Bond, engineers, submitted their report on the results of their review of our sewer system, which they made to determine the sources of ground water leakage into the system. In their opinion, the leakage was due in part to leakage in pipe line joints and partly to leaky manholes.

Tighe & Bond recommended that these manholes be excavated and repaired and waterproofed, and the commissioners repaired as many as possible with funds available.

There are several manholes remaining which should be repaired, and the commissioners plan to repair as many this coming year as available funds will allow.

MILTON C. BAGGS
D. DONALD HAZEN
Board of Sewer Commissioners

Report of Fire Chief and Forest Warden

Board of Selectmen
Belchertown, Massachusetts
Gentlemen:

During the year 1952 the Department responded to 68 calls:

27 Forest Fires
14 Emergency calls for Ambulance
4 Car
23 Building Fires

The efficiency of the Department has been increased by the addition of two-way radio equipment—a $1,435.60 gift of the Firefighters' Association which makes it possible to keep in contact truck to truck, and truck to station, at all times as well as to cooperate with Civilian Defense, if necessary.

The method of receiving reports of fires has been greatly improved by the permission of the Department of Mental Health to have the calls come into the Belchertown State School switch board where an operator is on duty at all times. I am deeply grateful for this and for the cooperation shown by Dr. Tadgell and the employees of the Belchertown State School during the change-over and to the operators who are doing a fine job of operating our Fire Alarm System.

I would like to again emphasize that Belchertown 3421 should be used ONLY to report fires and that full and complete information regarding type of fire and location, including the phone number from which report is being given, is necessary to assure prompt response by the Department.

A Fire Prevention program was carried out in our Public Schools during Fire Prevention week. Thanks to the cooperation of our School Department. I hope that this may be the start of a permanent program of Fire Prevention—Surely "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure".

The increasing age of our present equipment—the increase in the amount of property which must be protected and the increase in the amount of oil burning equipment in use in the town make it necessary for me to again urge favorable action by the town on my recommendation made to the Board of Selectmen on September 26, 1951.

JOSEPH J. KEMPKES, SR.
Fire Chief and Forest Warden

Report of Inspector of Wires

Inspection of wiring in the town of Belchertown has worked out in many ways a help to the home owner, as in case of farms. I have been able to see that they get the right size of wire and arrange the work so that they get the most for the money spent and also get a safe job.

Yours truly,
H. E. SESSIONS,
Inspector of Wires

Report of Tree Warden

Selectmen of Belchertown
Gentlemen:

During the year I cut and removed 66 elm trees infected with Dutch Elm Disease, removed dead wood from 23 otherwise healthy elms and sprayed twice with DDT. Students from the Arborist classes at the University assisted in the scouting during June at no cost to the town. This fight against Dutch Elm Disease must be continued at the present rate if we are to prevent an emergency such as has arisen in some nearby towns.

27 large dangerous trees other than elm were removed and dangerous limbs taken from 31 large maples, also numerous smaller trees and low-hanging branches.

Many large trees in outlying sections of town need attention as well as several in the center. I urge an increase of $200 for Tree Warden work for 1953.

I have attended the monthly meetings of the Western Massachusetts Tree Wardens and Moth Superintendents Association during the year.

My thanks to the Selectmen and the citizens of the town for their cooperation.

EDWARD B. CONKEY,
Tree Warden

Report of Sealer of Weights and Measures

Tested and sealed January 1, 1952—December 31, 1952:

Platform Scales 10,000 lbs. and over	1
Scales and Balances 100 lbs. and over	8
Scales and Balances under 100 lbs.	21
Liquid measures under 1 gal.	3
Oil or grease pumps	4
Gasoline pumps	21

I have collected and turned over to the Town Treasurer fees amounting to $45.80.

RAYMOND C. GAY,
Sealer of Weights and Measures

Report of Dog Officer

I have picked up 41 stray dogs, found owners for fifteen, and destroyed twenty-three.

Taxes were collected on sixty-three dogs, 48 males, 6 females, and 9 spays. This amounted to $144.00, which amount I turned over to William Shaw, Town Tax Collector and Treasurer.

WALLACE F. CHEVALIER,
Dog Officer

Report of Town Clerk

Marriage intentions filed		40
Marriages recorded		48
Births recorded: 37 males, 36 females		73
Deaths recorded: 35 males, 29 females		64
Sporting licenses issued		490
Duplicate licenses issued		3
Dog licenses issued		
Male	245	
Female	33	
Spayed	123	
Kennel	4	405
Gross receipts from dog licenses		$1,015.00
Mortgages, bills of sale, etc., recorded		171

WILLIAM E. SHAW, *Town Clerk*

(see Appendix for details)

Report of Chief of Police

Selectmen of Belchertown
Gentlemen:

I herewith submit my annual report for the Police Department of the Town of Belchertown:

Arrests:

Disturbing of the Peace	6
Driving to Endanger	3
Driving under the Influence of Liquor	9
Drunkenness	27
Carrying Concealed Weapons	1
Leaving Scene of Accident	1
Driving after Suspension of License	4
Operating with no License	2
Operating an unregistered Vehicle	1
Failing to display Sticker	2
Robbery while armed	3
Burglary	3
Breaking and Entering and Larceny in the Night-time	2
Larceny	8
Violating Game Laws	3
Violating Motor Vehicle Laws (speeding and throughways)	6
Total	81

Utmost harmony existed among the officers of your Police Force during the year of 1952.

Numerous investigations were made involving accidents and family troubles, the records of which are on file for future use.

Appreciation of the cooperation of the State Patrol is expressed, particularly in solving the crimes committed at Arthur's Snack Bar, Larceny at a Portable Saw-mill, Robbery while Armed, and Burglary at two residences in South Belchertown. The untiring efforts of the State Police in the matter of investigations and the aid given in solving crimes is indeed marvelous.

The Police Appropriation for the year of 1952 was $1,700.00. This fund was overdrawn, due largely to the increased night patrol necessary to combat vandalism and maliciousness at Arthur's Snack Bar. Since the new management took over this restaurant, no police calls have been received.

The extended hours for the School Police Officer to unsnarl the traffic in front of the stores for many weeks until the public parking area was established, and in handling traffic on Sunday mornings has made a heavy draft on the police fund. However, the results have more than warranted the expenditure. I believe the appropriation for the year of 1953 should be $2,000.00.

Respectfully submitted,
FRANK L. GOLD
Chief of Police

Report of Old Town Hall Committee

January 2, 1953

To the Selectmen of Belchertown:

The Old Town Hall continues to furnish space for school purposes. Another class has been added, so that now two full time classes are being held there regularly.

With the full cooperation of the school officials, we have been able to allow the use of the hall for sporting events, recreation program and various affairs.

Some repair and replacement work has been done, and two new wall mats have been installed for the protection of the youngsters. We wish to thank Post No. 239, American Legion, for their very generous donation, which made the purchase of these mats possible at this time.

WILLARD H. YOUNG, SR.
ISAAC A. HODGEN
WALTER P. PIPER

Report of Summer Recreation Committee

December 30, 1952

To the Citizens of Belchertown:

The playground opened July 7th under the able leadership of Mrs. Shirley Palermo and her assistants, Nancy Booth and David Hodgen. Mrs. Palermo's program consisted of crafts, sewing, plaster of Paris molds, bead work, leather craft, and articles made of plastic gimp, such as bracelets and lanyards. The rainy days were spent in the Town Hall, where basketball, badminton and crafts were engaged in. A badminton tournament between the boys and the girls was one of the highlights of the summer's events. A few of the other big events were a picnic near Phaneuf's, and two trips to Fontaine's Beach, with the help of Mrs. Wallace Chevalier and Mrs. Thomas Foss. The last day, August 15, was the culmination of a wonderful summer program. Games, races, prizes, a pet show, a doll show, and a parade, ice cream and soda were just a few of the many things that were given for the children between the ages of four and fourteen.

Again, the committee extends its sincere appreciation to the mothers and friends, who graciously donated time and effort toward the successful completion of this program.

We heartily recommend its continued operation.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLARD H. YOUNG, SR.
ISAAC A. HODGEN
WALTER P. PIPER
Summer Recreation Committee

Report of Planning Board

During the year of 1952, your Planning Board continued the work started in 1951, which consisted of the preparation of a proposed Zoning By-Law for the Town of Belchertown. Under the direction of Mr. Maynard O. Saunders, Planning Board Consultant, a 1 to 600 scale map of the town was drawn, showing the proposed zones. This map has been on display in Lawrence Memorial Hall, and will again be available for inspection on Town Meeting day.

A proposed Zoning By-Law has been compiled defining four zones, namely:—Residential, Agricultural, Business and Industrial, and specifying the proposed manner in which each zone may be used. A copy of this proposed By-Law has been mailed to all post-office and rural delivery box-holders in the town, in an effort to acquaint the voters with the proposal, before presenting it for acceptance at a Town Meeting.

Plans have been made to hold a public hearing on the subject on January 6, 1953, at which time the Planning Board will carefully consider all changes which may be suggested. It is expected that the proposed zoning by-law will be presented to the voters for their action in the Annual Town Meeting on February 9, 1953.

It should be pointed out at this time that the purpose of town-zoning is to attract business and industry to the town, and to make it a better place in which to live. This is Belchertown's first step in that direction and it is the sincere opinion of the members of this Board that the proposed by-law is the proper basis on which to make a start. Experience will probably demonstrate provisions which should be amended, as it has in all towns which have instituted zoning. Such changes may be easily made, and the Board will lend a sympathetic ear to suggestions which experience may dictate.

The Planning Board wishes to express sincere appreciation to Mrs. Angela LeGrand and the High school commercial students for their efforts in mimeographing more than 700 copies of the proposed zoning by-law, in order that they might be circulated throughout the town. This project not only provided excellent training for the pupils, but saved considerable expense to the taxpayers. It was a gesture of cooperation which is greatly appreciated.

The Board also wishes to express its thanks to the various town officials for their suggestions and advice throughout the year, and to Mr. Saunders for his immeasurable assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT J. BRADEN
FREDERICK D. FARLEY
EVERETT A. GEER
BRUCE W. GROVER
BYRON A. HUDSON

Report of Director of Civil Defense

In submitting my first annual report as Director of Civil Defense, I am very pleased to state that the support of the general public has placed the local agency into a well organized unit.

Upon my appointment to this office, I conferred with Civil Defense officials and made considerable study as to the operation and purpose of this program. I became thoroughly convinced that one of the major responsibilities of Civil Defense was to meet the public demand for information that would provide the understanding necessary for an effective program. Public understanding and participation in Civil Defense must be based on knowledge of the facts and the importance of such a program in modern warfare to insure —Minimum loss of lives, Minimum fear and panic, High public morale, Full participation in Civil Defense activities, and Maximum public support of the war effort.

The people of Belchertown have been told the truth about the dangers of atomic, biological, chemical and other types of warfare which might be used. This information was passed along to the people by means of articles in the Belchertown Sentinel and circulars distributed by school children and places of business.

Much time during the past year has been devoted to the recruiting of 340 volunteers into the local agency and bringing the overall Civil Defense activities up to date. The 340 volunteers received the Oath as prescribed, were photographed, and were processed into the various sections of our program, such as: Medical and Health; Emergency War Aid; Wardens; Public Works; Utilities; Police; Fire; Rescue; Evacuation; Transportation; etc. These primary sections were organized with sub-committees; such as: Rehabilitation, Feeding, Clothing, First Aid, etc., which dealt with particular phases of section function.

At the request of Federal and State Agencies, many surveys and public services have been completed. These included the Blood Typing Program (571 typed), designation of Congregate Care Facilities for Evacuees, designation of Improvised Casualty Hospitals and Mass Feeding Centers, designation of Clothing Centers, designaton of Traffic Control Points and Auxiliary Routes, establishment of Communications Control Center and installation of Radio Alert Receiver, adopting of Alert Signals and Procedures, establishment of Civil Defense Headquarters, Inventory of trucks and essential vehicles, registration of Medical and Allied Personnel, inventory relative to Occupations, and inventories regarding Fire and Police Services.

Civil Defense has been adopted in the Belchertown School system, where drills take place and Civil Defense knowledge is passed on to the students.

The officials of the Belchertown State School and Metropolitan District Commission have assisted and cooperated with the local Agency completely.

During the past year, I have attended many meetings within Region II, as well as other parts of the state, in regard to all phases of Civil Defense. The various section heads, committee chairman, and committee members have also attended meetings within Region II, regarding their particular committee work.

Many meetings have been held locally at my request for the purpose of passing along information at times considered confidential, and also for the purpose of general organization material and duties.

The year 1953, from all indications, will be a big year in Civil Defense. Forthcoming training programs will cover team training, technical and service duties. Following will be collective training, providing for the training of teams on a broader basis. This will entail training in the functions and activities of the other Civil Defense Services.

I wish to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to the citizens of Belchertown for their splendid cooperation and assistance; to the Board of Selectmen for their full support; to the Advisory Council for their sound advice; and to the section heads and committee chairmen for sharing responsibilities.

Respectfully submitted,
JAMES M. McKILLOP
Director of Civil Defense

Report of Cemetery Commissioners

Appropriations for 1952:		
Cemeteries		$1,050.00
Soldiers' Graves		250.00
Expenditures:		
South Cemetery	$139.80	
Lake Vale	50.00	
Dwights	40.00	
Liberty	26.00	
Rural	33.00	
Evergreen	15.00	
Mount Hope	592.86	
Hillcrest	98.00	
Ryther & Warren, fertilizer and seed	14.45	
R. C. Gay, plowing snow	3.00	
Tilton & Johnston, loam	10.00	
Belchertown Water District	10.80	
Ryther & Warren, tools and seed	17.09	1,050.00
Soldiers' Graves		250.00

Respectfully submitted,
FRED F. DEWEY
LINCOLN A. COOK
CHARLES F. AUSTIN
Commissioners

Annual Report

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

ORGANIZATION

School Committee

	Term Expires
E. CLIFTON WITT, Chairman	1954
WALTER P. PIPER	1953
MRS. FANNY G. MOREY	1955

Superintendent of Schools and Secretary of School Committee

GEORGE S. GOODELL Residence, No. Wash. St., Belchertown
Telephone: Residence, 4251
Office: 3111

Secretary and Clerk

Mrs. May Rose Dewey, Residence, No. Main St., Belchertown
Telephone: 3591

Meetings of School Committee

At 7.30 P. M. on the second Wednesday of the Month

School Nurse

MRS. MINNIE DAVIS, R. N., Res.: So. Main St., Belchertown
Telephone: 4051

School Physician

JAMES L. COLLARD, M. D. Res.: Maple St., Belchertown
Telephone: 2411

Attendance Officer

D. DONALD HAZEN Res.: Maple St., Belchertown
Telephone: 2031

No School Signal

5 Siren Signals at 7.30 A. M.

Report of School Committee

To the Citizens of Belchertown:

The year 1952 has presented to the school committee the usual amount of problems, the most serious being the resignation of Mr. Carl Peterson as superintendent. Mr. Peterson had served our school system for the past sixteen years as teacher, principal, assistant superintendent and superintendent. He gave his untiring services willingly. His help to the various building committees has been of great value. We regret very much his leaving us, but wish him every success in his promotion.

Mr. George S. Goodell of Williamsport, Pennsylvania, was hired to fill the vacancy. Mr. Goodell has held superintendencies in Massachusetts and New Jersey. He came to us very highly recommended.

The crowded condition in the lower grades necessitated the hiring of another teacher, and making the Old Town Hall into two classrooms. The finding of a teacher for the new room and of hiring two new teachers to fill vacancies caused by resignations in July, was accomplished by our new superintendent.

Mr. Dewey and his assistant, Mr. Kimball, have continued the redecoration of our classrooms during the summer vacation.

We hope next year to retread the stairs in the High School with metal treads to take care of their worn condition.

The lockers in the boys' basement at the High School are in very poor condition and we plan to replace them with wooden ones. The boiler also in this building is in need of repairs.

The School Committee respectfully submit the following budget:

PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET FOR 1953

	Appropriation 1952	Appropriation 1953
GENERAL CONTROL	$9,015.00	$9,165.00
INSTRUCTION	74,525.00	78,435.00
OPERATION OF SCHOOL PLANT	11,040.00	11,890.00
REPAIRS AND REPLACEMENTS	3,000.00	3,000.00
TRANSPORTATION OF PUPILS	17,650.00	19,090.00
HEALTH	3,250.00	3,350.00
MISCELLANEOUS	450.00	450.00
HOUSEHOLD ARTS	3,800.00	3,933.00
OUTLAY	500.00	550.00
	$123,230.00	$129,863.00

SECTION 10 of School Aid, Chapter 643, Acts of 1948, requires School Committees when submitting thteir school budgets, to include an estimate of the following receipts:

Group A.		
1. School Aid, Chapter 643	$30,788.63	
2. Transportation	14,884.00	
3. Superintendent Reimbursement	3,573.33	
4. Vocational, Household Arts	1,806.90	51,052.86
Group B.		
1. Tuition (non-resident) 1—Granby	295.11	
2. Tuition & Transportation State Wards	10,176.15	
3. Smith Hughes	100.33	10,571.59
		$61,624.45

Total to be expended for support of Schools		$129,863.00	
Minus: Group A.	$51,052.86		
Group B.	10,571.59	61,624.45	68,238.55
Approximate amount to be raised by local taxation			$68,238.55

E. CLIFTON WITT
FANNY G. MOREY
WALTER P. PIPER

School Committee

Report of Superintendent of Schools

Members of the School Committee and Citizens of Belchertown.

This is my first annual report as your Superintendent of Schools. As I began the work in this position on July 28, 1952, I am better qualified to speak of events and conditions subsequent to that time, than before.

The third grade in Center School, which has an enrollment of 58 pupils, was divided into two groups at the opening of school in September, one group remaining at Center School with Miss Alice Flaherty as teacher, and the second group moving to quarters in the Old Town Hall, for which pupils' desks and chairs had to be purchased, and moveable partitions built. To fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Miss Mildred Robbins as teacher of the second grade, Miss Mary V. Thornton, who has had six years' experience as an elementary teacher, was appointed. The resignation of Ronald E. Susee, on August 14th, as a teacher of Mathematics and Social Sciences in the High School, was filled by the appointment of Gerald G. Tremaine, A. B., Lafayette; M. A., Columbia University. To fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Miss Nancy L. Hudson, teacher of French and English in the High School, Miss Elizabeth M. Huller, A. B., Our Laly of the Elms College, was employed. The resignation of Miss Helen Carlin, a teacher of Social Studies in Grades 7 and 8, was filled by employing Miss Josephine Ingram, A. B., Bates College; M. A.. American International College.

The report of the School Committee explains the administrative changes during the past year. The repairs in the school buildings are also to be found in that report.

A much needed new elementary school building of twelve classrooms was approved by the citizens of Belchertown at a Special Town Meeting held on July 21, 1952. The estimated cost of the new school, including equipment and furniture, is $493,000. The construction contract for the building has now been let, and work on construction will begin in the Spring.

The course in Driver Education, first offered in Belchertown High School in 1950, was again conducted for students desiring to become qualified drivers, in 1952, by Elwyn J. Doubleday. A total of 21 pupils in the High School received drivers' licenses directly through the school, and the total number of pupils receiving licenses was about 23 or 24. There are presently 17 pupils enrolled in the Driver Education course. The total number of pupils in the High School receiving Driver Course instruction during 1952 was 55. Any pupil 16 years of age or over was eligible to take this very useful course, which consists of study of the main parts of an automobile, the principles of safe driving, regulations of the Registry of Motor Vehicles affecting car operators, and sufficient driving practice in a dual-control car to become a proficient driver and pass the State drivers' examination.

The age in Belchertown for admission of children into the first grade now is that they are required to be at least five years eight months old by September 1st of the year of their admission to school. The School Committee in the spring of 1952 voted to allow parents of children who would be 5 years 6 months old by September 1, 1952 to enter the first grade provided they were tested during the summer by the Child Guidance Clinic of Northampton State Hospital, and were recommended by the Clinic as sufficiently mature mentally to enter the first grade.

The number of under-age children whose parents had them tested in June and July of 1952, was nine, of which number six children passed the Psychometric tests, and four actually entered the first grades of our schools in September, 1952.

Basketball for boys has been carried on during the winter season, under the direction and coaching of Chester B. Eisold, in the Old

Town Hall. Basketball practice began this year on Monday, October 27th. For the season of 1952-53, a schedule of 18 basketball games with schools in surrounding towns has been scheduled, beginning on December 16th, and extending through February 20, 1953. It is hoped that many parents, and local sports fans will show their loyalty to our High School basketball team by attending as many of the home games, all of which will be held in the evening, as possible.

The officers and members of the Belchertown Parent-Teacher Association deserve the thanks and appreciation of our school system for their unflagging interest and support in the development and progress of our town's public schools. Often the leaders in suggesting improvements, ever ready to back up all worthy endeavor for a better school system for this community, the support of "The P. T. A." has been a source of strength to our schools.

On November 21st the School Committee gave its approval to a request from the P. T. A. that it be allowed to sponsor Instrumental Music Aptitude tests in our schools, from the third grade through the twelfth grade. The purpose is to discover pupils who have qualifications and interest to learn to play a band instrument.

Some of our schools were visited on December 12th by Mrs. Martina McDonald Driscoll, State Supervisor of Music.

The evening Practical Arts program is being continued, with a new class in hooked rug making being taught one evening each week for 20 weeks in the Household Arts room at the Library. The instructor is Mrs. Ethel Collis. The enrollment is 14.

The School Committee in late August authorized the use in our school system of the Civil Defense program prepared by the Federal Civil Defense Administration. At meetings of our teachers, and our principals, plans have been worked out looking to the safety of pupils and teachers in case of enemy attack during school hours. Also Civil Defense drills have been held, as well as monthly fire drills, in all of our schools, and Civil Defense literature has been given out to teachers, and pupils.

Mention should be made here of the released time classes for Religious Education which are being held one hour weekly, for Protestant, and Catholic pupils in grades five, six and seven. This instruction is optional. One hundred twenty pupils out of a total enrollment of one hundred forty-five in these grades are at present receiving this instruction.

The School Department appreciates the police protection furnished by the Selectmen at the Center intersection, for the safety of the pupils going to and from schools. We would not like to think of what might happen to the many pupils who cross this busy intersection daily, without the watchful care being given by Officer Clarence Hubbard.

As to curriculum needs of the future, some Shop courses for the High School, starting with a good Wood-working Course, with perhaps some work given in Plastics too, would strengthen the curriculum of our High School, increase its pupil holding power, and should be given consideration when rooms in the High School, presently occupied by sixth, seventh, and eighth grade classes, are released, after the new elementary school has been built, equipped, and occupied. An Art Supervisor on a part-time basis, for all the schools, would be another improvement in our educational program which it is hoped will be possible in time.

I wish to mention here the need for replacing numerous sets of old, worn-out textbooks being used on many levels of our school system, with sets of new and modern school books. We bought what new books we could this year. We have also saved some money this year by filling in incomplete sets of spellers, readers, geographies, and social studies textbooks in some schools by bringing sets and partial sets of old, used textbooks from Franklin School to Center Grade School, or from Center Grade School to Union School, or the fifth, and third grade classes now housed in the Old Town Hall, or vice-versa. But the need for replacing worn out sets of books is now urgent. Good books in the various subjects, constitute an important tool in aiding and shaping the process of child learning.

In closing my report, generous thanks are due to our teachers, principals, health staff, and maintenance men for the hard conscientious work they have done during the year, without whose efforts our schools could not have performed well the exacting job they have done; to the School Committee for its leadership, wise counsel, and unstinted service to our School Department; to Mrs. Rose Dewey, bookkeeper and secretary in the Superintendent's office, for her valuable help; to other Town Officers and to all citizens who by their interest, assistance and loyalty to the program of our public schools have made possible whatever success has been achieved.

Whatever we who work in the schools have accomplished this year in furthering the education, growth, and development of the most precious possession of the people of Belchertown,—the raw material of future citizenship, their boys and girls—was accomplished only through the cooperation of all working together.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE S. GOODELL

Superintendent of Schools

Report of High School Principal

Mr. George S. Goodell
Superintendent of Schools:
Dear Mr. Goodell;

My annual report as Principal of Belchertown High School is herewith submitted.

The enrollment in September, 1952, was:

	Boys	Girls	Totals
Seniors	4	13	17
Juniors	16	11	27
Sophomores	17	21	38
Freshmen	23	21	44
	60	66	126
Eighth Grade	21	19	40
Seventh Grade	25	22	47
Sixth Grade	22	20	42
	128	127	255

During the period from September, 1952, to January, 1953, twenty-one other pupils have enrolled.

There were nine girls and nine boys in the 1952 graduating class. Of this group, Janice Berger is in training at the Fitchburg State Teachers' College; Marjorie Jackson is enrolled in the School of Arts at Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, New York; Suzanne Piper is attending Lasall Junior College, Auburndale; Roger Bowler is enrolled at Holy Cross College, Worcester; Fernando Forest entered Tri-State College, Angola, Indianna. Anna Antonovitch and Eunice Austin are working in the office at Belchertown State School; Betty Snow is doing secretarial work at Westover Air Force Base; Constance Socha is a secretary at Wickwire Spencer Steel Company, Palmer; Cornelia Sullivan is a nurse in training at Springfield Hospital. Richard Medrek has been accepted in the U. S. Navy. Leon Antonovitch, Joseph Chadbourne, Raymond Cook, Samuel Joyal, Norman Loftus, Philip Tiernan and Alice Witt are working in town.

The students and faculty regret the resignation of Mr. Carl Peterson as Superintendent of Schools. We are grateful to him for all that he has done to improve the school during the time he served here. We hope that Mr. Peterson is happy and successful in his new position.

There were three changes in the faculty last fall. Miss Elizabeth M. Huller replaced Miss Hudson. Miss Huller is a graduate of the College of Our Lady of the Elms where she majored in modern languages. She has spent eleven months in Europe. She has worked at the National Shawmut Bank of Boston and at the Hadley Falls Trust Company in Holyoke. At present, she is studying for her Master's Degree at the University of Massachusetts. Mr. Gerald G. Tremaine is the successor of Mr. Ronald Susee. Mr. Tremaine is a graduate of Lafayette College, Easton, Pennsylvania and received his Master's Degree from Columbia University. He was in the Army Air Corps and quartermaster corps for three and a half years. Miss Josephine Ingram succeeded Miss Helen Carlin. Miss Ingram attended Bates College, Lewiston, Maine, and received her Master's Degree at American International College, Springfield. She has travelled extensively in this country.

Our program of Civil Defense seems to be operating quite satisfactorily. Faculty meetings have been held to study procedures of operation. Mr. Elwyn Doubleday has acted as coordinator. Drills have been held and the pupils assigned to different areas in the recreation room. Attempts have been made to have pretty distinct plans formulated as to how the necessary functions can be carried out.

Aptitude tests have been given the seniors by officials from the office of the Division of Employment Security, of Ware. Also, all the pupils of grades nine through twelve took the Iowa Tests of Educational Development last September. These tests help the teacher to become more dependably acquainted with the educational needs of the individual pupils and provide for these needs in teaching.

The Driver Education and Training Course, approved by the Registry of Motor Vehicles and designed to improve the attitudes and abilities of the new driver was continued in 1952. Due to the short length of time that a vehicle was available to the school, only eighteen members of the Junior and Senior classes received their certificates and licenses upon satisfactory completion of the course. However, it has been possible to run three classroom courses, which were open to all pupils 15 years, 8 months or older. Emphasis in these courses was placed on rules of the road, proper attitudes, the car and what makes it go, the pedestrian, the cyclist, automobile accidents and paying for these accidents. A great deal of testing equipment was made available to the school and used by the classes during the courses. Since several pupils drop out of school after their sixteenth birthday but still become drivers, it is hoped that these classroom courses will go far in improving the driving of those who will drive anyway, but who have not had the benefit of a road training course.

The Dramatic Club under the direction of Mrs. Pero, has presented several plays throughout the year. Several members of the Club participated in the Drama Festival at Northampton last spring.

Throughout the year the usual activities have been carried on. Some of these include educational trips and tours, the attending of dramatic presentations, the publication of the "Oracle" and yearbook, the appearance of the Monsanto Men's Chorus, Historical Tour to Boston, special assemblies, the showing of educational films, projects in associations with radio station W-A-R-E, student government day program, open house during National Education Week, debates in several classes, the Senior Class Play, "Too Many Dates", the Civics Hobby Show (directed by Mrs. Tague), participation in the American Legion Oratorical Contest, P. T. A. panel discussion, pupil attendance at Boys' and Girls' State, basketball and baseball contests, the customary dances, the traditional Senior Class trip to New York and Washington, the strenuous Fair Day program, magazine drives, sale of jewelry, Christmas cards, food sales and the like.

Appreciation is due the Lions Club, the P. T. A., the American Legion and Auxiliary and other local organizations for their scholarship funds, financial assistance and many favors.

In conclusion, I wish to express to the members of the School Committee and townspeople and the administrative staff my appreciation of the support which has been given the school during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,
GUY E. HARRINGTON
Principal of the High School

Report of Household Arts Supervisor

Mr. George S. Goodell,
Superintendent of Schools
Dear Mr. Goodell:

Our young people may travel far from Belchertown as they seek their places in a complex world. They will encounter much that was unknown to their parents and grandparents. Yet wherever they go and wherever they finally choose to live, it is our hope that they will establish homes which will be the centers of happiness and wholesome living for their families as their own homes here in Belchertown have been for them.

The purpose of the Household Arts department is to start the prepearation of our girls to become the wives and mothers in America's homes of the near future.

Our work starts with all the girls of the Eighth Grade, and continues with a smaller number of the girls of the Ninth and Tenth Grades.

In the Eighth Grade the fundamentals of sewing and cooking are stressed. Simple hand and machine sewing are taught, and the girls make their aprons for use in the foods classes, and then go ahead with skirts and blouses. The ability to sew is basic to economical family life even in an age where most garments are purchased ready-made.

In the foods periods the girls learn food values and the fundamentals of meal planning. Here the emphasis starts on breakfast, a tremendously important meal in this day of the scanty lunch. Quick breads are prepared and the work continues with soups, simple casseroles, and the like. In many of our homes both parents are working, and the high-school daughter is the one who prepares many of the meals for the parents and younger children.

The Freshman girls continue their clothing with a study of patterns and the making of garments, the care of sewing machines, improvement of machine technique, and the study of fabrics.

In foods, progress is made to the consideration of luncheons, the cooking and serving of simple meals, and the choice of foods for well-balanced diets. There is work in canning, jelly-making and the like.

Homemaking includes the care of the Household Arts Room and its equipment, and discussion of some of the homemaking problems found in all of our homes.

The Sophomore girls continue with dressmaking and tailoring, making dresses, skirts, and blouses, and remodeling garments. As this year ends their secondary-school household arts instruction, much attention is given to the needs of the individual pupil and she is encouraged to continue the work in her own home and in adult courses offered here and in most other towns or cities where she may have a home of her own.

In foods, there is a unit on dinners, climaxed by a dinner given for the Advisory Council, superintendent of schools, and high-school principal. Attention is given to meat cookery, balanced and and low-cost meals, lunch-box preparation, use of left-overs, and so on. To motivate interest in homemaking, the year's course includes field trips to such places as Belchertown Farms, Handy's Packing Plant, Technical High School's Spring Fashion Show, and the Springfield Trade School.

Units in home management include care of the house and furniture, choice of furnishings, and budgeting. Last year a field trip was made to the Amherst National Bank.

Good home and family relationships are discussed, and a splendid unuit in Home Nursing is presented by Mrs. Minnie Davis, school nurse.

Nothing can help the work of the Household Arts department more than the continued interest and cooperation of the home, which is the real practice laboratory for each girl. Parents can help greatly by promptly providing the materials needed for the girl's sewing project and by visiting the classes and suggesting home projects for their children. It is our earnest desire to make the work a cooperative venture.

At this time I have always expressed my gratitude to you and to the whole staff for your kindness and consideration. This year has surely been one during which I have apprepciated working with people who are so evidently intersted in the work the girls are doing.

Respectfully submitted,
FLORENCE JACKSON

Report of School Nurse

Mr. George S. Goodell
Superintendent of Schools
Dear Mr. Goodell:

I herewith submit my eighth annual report as School Nurse in the Belchertown Schools.

The same general health program has been followed this year as in the past. A new regulation prescribed and established by the Department of Public Health became effective on September 1, 1952: "The school committee shall cause children in the public schools to be separately and carefully examined by a duly registered physician when returning to school after an absence of *five consecutive school days* or more, due to illness." Dr. James L. Collard, school physician, will examine and issue admittance slips to children who have not been attended by their family physician.

The number of communicable diseases was greater this year, but less in comparison to that of surrounding towns. In returning from the holidays we had many cases of measles and chicken pox. During the spring months German measles were quite prevalent. Intestinal grippe was present throughout the winter and spring sessions. In the fall scarlet fever started, but cases were few and not too serious. Sore throats and colds caused a great many absences. Prior to the holidays, chicken pox was reported.

The booklet, "Off to School", was revised this spring by Miss Eleanor Fitzgerald, Principal of Franklin School, Mrs. Robert LeGrand and the high school commercial department, and myself.

In June the senior class was transported by bus to the Mary Lane Hospital for chest X-Rays. Each student with a negative report was given a card stating the X-Ray was negative. Today most colleges and places of employment are requiring X-Rays, and we deemed it advisable for the students to have such a card.

"Emotional Needs of Children", another element in the school health program, can be summarized briefly in saying that "although children of different ages differ in their interests, they are all alike in having certain basic emotional needs." Anything that prevents the satisfaction of these needs will have a harmful effect on the development of the child's personality. The three basic needs of all children are: the feeling of security that comes from being loved, wanted and understood; the ability to achieve enough success in dealing with the things and persons in his environment to build up a strong sense of personal worth; the ability to make necessary compromises with life. These needs must be met in the school as well as in the home.

In closing, I wish to thank you, Dr. James L. Collard, School Physician, all School Personnel and Parents who have again given me their support and cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

MINNIE N. DAVIS, R. N.

Report of Supervisor of Music

Mr. George S. Goodell
Superintendent of Schools
Dear Mr. Goodell:

With pleasure I submit the following report of the school music program in the Belchertown Schools.

The aim of music instruction is to cause children to know, to love, and to understand music in as many forms as possible, and thus to bring added joy into their lives and added culture and refinement in their nature. A well-organized music education program is a sequence of experiences which may provide enjoyment, relaxation, recreation, and personality development.

The work in the grades has been interesting, and very satisfactory, covering about the same ground as in the past.

Grades five and six attended the Western Massachusetts Music Festival in Athol, coming home with superior markings for their singing again.

The Junior High School chorus is doing excellent work in three part music in the boys' chorus as well as three parts in the girls'.

At the High School the chorus has steadily developed.

Music appreciation, although this subject has been interfered with because of the demands of other phases of the work and time limits, is enjoyed by the students in the grades when they are listening to records connected with their music books.

The unfailing interest and cooperation of the school officials, teachers, parents and pupils makes the teaching of music in the schools of Belchertown a pleasure and a satisfaction.

Respectfully submitted,
CLARA P. COOK,
Supervisor of Music

Report of Handwriting Director

Mr. George S. Goodell
Superintendent of Schools
My dear Mr. Goodell:

I am pleased to submit the following report on the progress of our handwriting program to date.

In the initial handwriting tests administered in March, 1949, when the program was inaugurated in the Belchertown schools, 29% of the papers scored "A" (Excellent); 24% of the papers scored "B" (Good); and 47% of the papers scored less than "B" (Good). In the tests administered in June, 1952, 94% of the papers were scored "A" (Excellent); 5% were scored "B" (Good); and only 1% were scored less than "B" (Good).

We graded approximately 4,500 formal test papers during the last school year and approximately 13,000 informal samples. Ninety percent of the pupils in the eighth grade received handwriting certificates.

These statistics indicate that remarkable progress has been made on the part of your students and reflect considerable credit on the excellent work done by your teachers.

The major objectives of our handwriting program may be summarized as follows:

1. To provide adequate instructional and motivational materials for the teachers and pupils. This includes monthly outlines for the teachers, teachers' folders, folder outlines for the children, monthly diagnostic charts, room color graphs, handwriting certificates for all pupils who qualify in the highest grade in which penmanship is taught.

2. To give pupils a mastery of the standard alphabet and to make good handwriting function in all related subjects.

3. To provide for individual differences and teach desirable concomitants such as neatness, accuracy, attention to detail, etc.

Our consultant service includes monthly visitation to the classroom for the purpose of grading formal and informal handwriting, the placing of master copies on the blackboard for instructional purposes, demonstration teaching if time permits, and special help to children in need of such attention.

I wish to thank you, your teachers and the children for the fine cooperation we have received at all times and the excellent results that have been forthcoming.

Sincerely yours,

WILLIAM L. RINEHART,
Director

Audio-Visual Report

January 21, 1953

Dear Mr. Goodell:

The year 1952 saw many additions to the Audio-Visual Department in the way of new materials and equipment.

A new projector had been purchased for the Center Grade School during the previous year. This year saw the acquisition of sixty-five dollars worth of filmstrip and slide materials for that school.

Franklin School, which had received a similar projector and fifty dollars worth of filmstrip material the previous year, in 1952 purchased a portable tripod screen, 30 in. x 40 in. in size.

In addition to the purchase of twelve dollars worth of filmstrip materials for the high school building, several 16 mm. films were viewed by the various classes. These films for the most part were obtained on a free-loan basis, except for transportation costs. One film for the English Department was obtained on a rental basis. The films used were as follows:

Health and Physical Education: Scrub Game—Something to Cheer About—Making of a Yankee—Play Ball, Son

Driver Education: Driving on the Highway—Driving in the City—Parking the Car

Social Studies: Every Seventh Family— Portrait of a City—Kip Van Winkle—Horace Mann

Commercial: Hello Business—Duties of a Secretary

English: The Last Days of Pompeii

Science: Water—Summer Storm—What is Electricity

The Audio-Visual treasury was augmented through the sale of old paper, and through the commission from the sale of student pictures. These funds, together with the trade-in value on the filmstrip projector that had been in use in the high school, were enough to purchase a new, larger, and more adequate filmstrip projector for use in the high school building. The old projector did not produce a bright enough picture in the class rooms to allow for effective use. The purchase of this projector now gives teachers in all buildings, with the exception of the Union School, easy access to the use of a filmstrip projector.

A new 16 mm. sound film, "Everyday Use of Percentage," was also purchased and deposited in the Massachusetts Educational Film Cooperative Library at the University of Massachusetts. Membership in the Cooperative gives the school system free use of films deposited in the Library by other schools. All films chosen for the Library are edited and approved by the Cooperative before acceptance, thus assuring member schools the use of some of the best educational films available today.

Projected plans for the coming year include more extensive use of the equipment now available; the purchase of additional filmstrips for all schools and better facilities for showing motion picture films in the high school building. It is hoped that in the near future, special window shading may be provided to adequately darken one classroom so that the opaque projector, which requires a well-darkened room, may be used without too much inconvenience to the teachers.

Through the generosity of the Student Activity Association, the purchase of a 16 mm. camera is planned so that moving pictures of school activities and athletic events may be taken. A project of this sort would add greatly to the school since it is a definite moral factor of the students and since it may also aid greatly the public relations program.

DONALD E. GEER, *Director*

School Financial Report

CLASSIFICATION OF SCHOOL EXPENDITURES, 1952

GENERAL CONTROL		
School Committee		
Salaries	$130.00	
Expenses	29.69	159.69
Superintendent of Schools		
Salary	5,371.14	
Expenses—including in and out-of-state travel, clerk, postage, stationery and telephone	3,151.92	
Law Enforcement	23.01	8,546.07
INSTRUCTION		
Teachers' Salaries	70,235.81	
Teachers' Expense	98.96	
Instructional Supplies	4,567.63	74,902.40
OPERATION OF SCHOOL PLANT		
Janitor Service	5,749.44	
Operation of Expense: Supplies, Telephone, Electricity	1,413.41	
Fuel	4,454.75	11,617.60
MAINTENANCE OF SCHOOL PLANT		
Repairs and Replacements	2,084.33	2,084.33
AUXILIARY AGENCIES		
Promotion of Health	3,274.09	
Transportation	18,183.00	21,457.09
MISCELLANEOUS	496.64	496.64
CAPITAL OUTLAY		
Building Alteration and New Equipment	190.56	190.56
HOUSEHOLD ARTS	3,775.07	3,775.07
Total Expenditures from Appropriation		$123,229.45

From Special Funds:		
George Barden	72.00	
Smith Hughes	105.08	177.08
TOTAL COST OF SCHOOLS		$123,406.53
RECEIPTS:		
Appropriation	$123,230.00	
Available Funds	177.08	123,407.08
BALANCE RETURNED TO THE TOWN		.55
RECEIPTS—Paid to the town of Belchertown from other sources than local taxation:		
Dept. of Public Welfare, State Wards	10,176.15	
School Aid (Chapter 643)	29,207.63	
Transportation	14,884.00	
Superintendent reimbursement	3,076.17	
Vocation Household Arts	1,806.90	
Tuition (Two Granby pupils)	383.75	59,534.60
RECAPITULATION		
Total cost of Schools		123,406.53
Reimbursement from State	59,150.85	
Reimburse. Tuition—Two Granby Pupils	383.75	
Used from available funds	177.08	59,711.68
ACTUAL COST to Town of Belchertown for 1952		$63,694.85
ACTUAL COST to Town of Belchertown for 1951		62,030.33

ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 1, 1952

SCHOOL	GRADES												TOTAL
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
Center	47	38	33	56	16								190
Town Hall			26		39								65
Franklin	16	17	18	17	23	15							106
Union	10	7	10										27
High School						42	49	41	42	38	28	17	257
	73	62	87	73	78	57	49	41	42	38	28	17	645

School Calendar

SEPTEMBER 3, 1952 to JUNE 19, 1953

1952

September 3—Wednesday—Schools open - begining of school year
October 13—Monday—Schools closed - Columbus Day
October 24—Friday—Schools closed - Hampden County Teachers' Convention
November 11—Tuesday—Schools closed - Armistice Day
November 27 - 30—Thursday - Sunday—Schools closed Thanksgiving Vacation. Wednesday, November 26 - all schools closed at 12:00 noon
December 1—Monday—Schools reopen
December 23—Tuesday—Schools close for Christmas Vacation at 12:00 noon

1953

January 5—Monday—Schools reopen
February 20—Friday—Schools close at the end of the afternoon session—Midwinter Vacation
March 2—Monday—Schools reopen
April 3—Friday—Schools closed - Good Friday
April 20—Monday—Schools closed - Observance of Patriots' Day
April 24—Friday—Schools close at end of afternoon session - Spring Vacation
May 4—Monday—Schools reopen
June 12—Friday—Elementary schools close for the year at end of afternoon session
June 18—Thursday—High School Graduation
June 19—Friday—Schools close for Summer Vacation - End of school year (High School closes about 10:00 A. M.)
September 9—Wednesday—Schools open

Commencement

OF THE

BELCHERTOWN HIGH SCHOOL

June 19

1952

Lawrence Memorial Hall

8:00 P. M.

Graduates

Anna Elizabeth Antonovitch
Leon Antonovitch, Jr.
Eunice Irene Austin
Janice Evelyn Berger
Roger Bernard Bowler
Joseph Rockwell Chadbourne
Raymond Albert Cook
Fernando Pierre Forest
Marjorie Lucile Jackson
Samuel Jay Joyal
Norman Stewart Loftus
Richard Anthony Medrek
Suzanne Elizabeth Piper
Betty Mary Snow
Constance Mary Socha
Cornelia Ann Sullivan
Philip Brock Tiernan
Alice Anne Witt

Program

Processional		Mrs. Robert Smith Accompanist
Invocation		Reverend Walter R. Blackmer
Song	Now Thank We All Our God Mixed Chorus	*Crueger-Luvaas*
Salutatory		Constance Socha
Songs	What a Lovely Day Girls' Chorus	*Ralph Federer*
	A Dream Boat Passes By Boys' Chorus	*Edwin H. Lemare*
Valedictory		Anna Elizabeth Antonovitch
Song	Hark the Vesper Hymn is Stealing Mixed Chorus	*Thomas Moore*
Introduction of the speaker of the evening— John L. Fitzpatrick, Superintendent of Schools, Chicopee—by Carl J. Peterson, Superintendent of Schools		
Lions Club Scholarship		Andrew J. Sears
P. T. A. Scholarship		Henry N. Evanson
Emory F. Munsell Award		
Presentation of Class to School Committee		Guy E. Harrington Principal of High School
Awarding of Diplomas		E. Clifton Witt Chairman School Committee
Song	Home Senior Girls' Quartet	*Peter Van Steeden and Harry and Jeff Clarkson*
Benediction		Reverend Walter R. Blackmer
Recessional		

Songs directed by Mrs. Clara P. Cook
Accompanist, Mrs. Marion Shaw

RECEPTION

SCHOOL PERSONNEL AS OF JAN. 1, 1953

Name	Position	Year Appointed
George S. Goodell	Superintendent	1952
Clara M. Cook	Music Supervisor	1948
Minnie N. Davis, R. N.	School Nurse	1945
HIGH SCHOOL		
Guy E. Harrington	Principal High School and 6-7-8 Grades	1943
Elwyn J. Doubleday	Assistant Principal, Science	1947
Chester B. Eisold	Mathematics, Social Science, Basketball Coach	1948
Elizabeth M. Huller	English and French	1952
Florence Jackson	Household Arts, Science	1946
Angela LeGrand	Commercial Subjects	1951
Sophia M. Pero	Latin and English	1941
Ada W. Tague	Social Studies	1946
Gerald G. Tremaine	Mathematics, Social Sciences	1952
Bernadette Bowler	Grades 7-8, Language, Arts, and Mathematics	1942
Helen Carlin	Grades 7-8, Social Studies	1952
Josephine Ingram	Grades 7-8, Mathematics, Science, Baseball Coach	1950
Madeleine R. Lambert	Grade 6	1924

CENTER SCHOOL		
Marion K. Shaw	Principal, and Grades 4-5	1926
Louise Dickinson	Grades 1-2	1951
Irene B. Orlando	Grade 1	1917
Mary V. Thornton	Grade 2	1952
Alice Flaherty	Grade 3	1922
Vera Harrington	Grade 4	1944
OLD TOWN HALL		
Beverly Ann Royce	Grade 3	1952
Ruth Rietzel	Grade 5	1951
FRANKLIN SCHOOL		
Eleanor Fitzgerald	Principal, Grades 1-2	1931
Nellie G. Shea	Grades 3-4	1901
Mildred Carter	Grades 5-6	1943
UNION SCHOOL		
Emma Loftus	Grades 1-3	1948
EVENING PRACTICAL ARTS		
Ethel Collis	Hooked Rug	1949
CUSTODIANS		
George M. Dewey	High School and Center	1947
William Kimball	Town Hall, Household Arts, Assist. at High School	1950
Albert Dudek	Franklin School	1948
William Aldrich	Union School	1950

Appendix

Statistical Report of Town Clerk

BIRTHS RECORDED IN 1952

Date	Name	Parents
January		
11	Robert Bohumil Honec	Robert B. and Leocardia Golinski
11	Sally Ruth Burbank	Theodore J. and Rosalie Renaldi
28	Craig Whitehouse Farrington	Frank E. and Rachael Whitehouse
February		
2	Kenneth Alden Dorey	Malcolm E. and Shirley Hazen
4	Edward Basilie Tenorie, Jr.	Edward B. and Kathleen Diaz
7	Gary Lee Brougham	Harry L. and Rita L. Dugre
10	William Francis Dyer	Philip W. and Alice Lofland
18	Jacqueline Elaine Mercier	Joseph E. J. and Theodocia Davis
18	Robert Steven Opalenik	George and Getrtrude L. Blanan
23	Paul Copeland Rabe	Merritt L. and Erica B. Conradi
28	Richard Paul Welch	Ralph R. and Bernice Bean
March		
4	Loretta Ann Williams	Philip J. and Maria M. Mann
12	Patricia Ann Jarvis	Albert J. M. and Mary E. Weston
14	Gary Clyde Butler	Bertram R. and Evelyn L. Stone

April		
6	Donald Clayton Eskett	Charles H. and Mary E. Lane
15	Guy Clarence Lucia, Jr.	Guy C. and Shirley B. Flanigan
18	Daniel Brault	Philip R. and Virginia I. Tatro
20	Elizabeth Ann Powers	James R. and Jean S. McKenna
24	Dennis Osman Jenks	Kenneth O. and Barbara Shumway
26	Ray Dean Carroll	Oklahoma V. and Martha L. Post
28	Mary Linda Lillian Authier	Rene A. and Theresa L. Morneau
May		
2	Lawrence Andrew Smith	George A. and Madeline R. Sears
10	Daryl Steven Jenks	Robert and Gladys Fay
12	Richard Socha	Bronislaus S. and Antolena A. Wachta
13	Maria Anne Lussier	Harvey and Shirley Griffin
20	Judith Ann Cook	William J., Jr. and Sylvia N. Bouchard
21	Daniel John McKillop	James M. and Viola M. Webb
23	Diane Frances Bush	Joseph A. and Mildred Leigne
23	Thomas Windsor Shattuck	William I. and Winifred C. Bryant
June		
1	Charleen Joy Bronner	Edmund N. and Patricia D. Story
3	Linda Marie St. James	Raymond T. and Simonne Cloutier
4	Charles Marshall Smith	Edward J. and Daisy N. Dempsey
5	Katherine Anne Smola	Walter and Alice S. Jamrog
6	Paula Ann Gambell	Paul E. and Jessie E. Hodges
13	Richard Sherwin Boynton	Leroy H. and Hazel Horr
22	Francis Andrew Foss	Thomas W. and Anne J. Gately
July		
12	Mary Ann Krol	John D. and Evelyn Larson
12	Bruce Alan Officer	John B. and Eunice P. Van Derwerken
13	Doreene Eleanor Kimball	David P. and Eleanor Newman
14	Kathleen Marie Germain	Ernest J. and Frances Sedelow
22	Hazel Ann Morey	Donald and Ann Howes

August		
1	Christopher Lyman Olson	William E. and Elizabeth Donaldson
6	Sandra Lyn Opielowski	Fred W. and Marion A. Cole
8	Gerald Allen Forgette	Roland E. and Irene T. McCarthy
12	Mary Houle	Frank J. and Maria Flamard
20	Barbara Ann Menard	Raymond R. and Susan R. Henrich
22	Evelyn Mae Fleming	John S. and Lena A. Given
22	Wayne Merrill McClellan	Francis M. and Ethel L. Hauver
22	Sara Jane Harrington	Stanford J. and Barbara A. Hudson
25	Marsha Louise Staples	David A. and Patricia R. Webb
27	Duane Hastings Camp	Richard H. and Catherine H. French
September		
1	Deborah Gail Handzel	Stanley Joseph and Sophie Opielowski
18	Pamela Mae Barrett	Bruce McAlley and Edna M. Lamoureux
21	Kenneth Charles Dyer II	Kenneth C. and Eleanor A. Rhodes
23	Marlin Tillman Young III	Marlin T., Jr. and Ruth Amy Ewing
October		
13	Deborah Ann Shea	Michael F. and Doris I. Driscoll
13	Mary Frances Wadsworth	John A. and Jeanne M. Sweeney
15	Matthew Soja	Theodore and Bernice M. Rec
15	Michael Soja	Theodore and Bernice M. Rec
20	Raymond Paul Lagrant, Jr.	Raymond P. and Bernice I. Krol
November		
1	Fred H. Kurt Schnieder	Fred H. and Laura A. Minton
16	Roy Edmund Kimball II	Channing B. and Charlotte L. Dube

4	Karen Lou Capen	Leon G. and Helen Vaughn
23	Pamela Ann Plant	Harvey R. and Eleanor M. Joyal
24	Paul Bobowiec	Walter J. and Anne M. Romaniak
24	Connie Marie McCord	Collins K. and Gloria M. Barry
26	William Daniel Greenwood, Jr.	William D. and Sarah E. Majure
27	William Harry Towne	Howard F. and Alice L. Matthews
27	Jean Marie Langford	Joseph W. and Naomi Hess
December		
3	Michael Dayton Cothran	Athen D. and Helen I. Harrington
4	Candris Andrea Goncalves	Charles and Janet E. Rettinger
20	Sandra Jean Martin	Henry and Evelyn M. Lavalley
21	Robin Gail Titus	Dexter L. and Nancy L. Rintala

MARRIAGES RECORDED 1952

January

5 Harold George Boudreau, Belchertown
Joan Ann Martin, Ware

18 Raymond W. Reilly, Belchertown
Thelma R. Adams, Ludlow, Vermont

19 Walter John Bobowiec, Belchertown
Anna Mary Romaniak, Belchertown

February

2 Howard Whitfield Judkins, Gardner
Mary Louise Bush, Belchertown

15 Albert Nascimento, Ludlow
Marguerite Elizabeth Glass, Belchertown

16 Roger William Coltey, Belchertown
Catherine Lillian King, Belchertown

24 John Erving Rhodes, Belchertown
Joyce Ann Anderson, Chicopee

March

15 Kenneth Charles Dyer, Belchertown
Eleanor Anne Rhodes, Belchertown

17 Anthony Peter Abreu, Belchertown
Elizabeth Edeana Suhm, Belchertown

29 Louis Charles Bellerose, Belchertown
Erma Bernice Lane Thompson, Belchertown

April

19 John Peter Charest, Jr., Belchertown
Dora Estelle Sevigne, Springfield

19 Richard F. Cantwell, Monson
Leona S. Kozlik, Palmer

19 Frank Philip Norris, Belchertown
Cecelia Constance Gagnon, Holyoke

May

3 Floyd L. Milks, Guthrie, Minn.
Barbara A. Meschke, Chicopee

3 Joseph Velozo, Ludlow
Helen Irene Lemon, Belchertown

3 Rudolph P. Sekula, Warren
Helen M. Wawro, Palmer

13 George Gillespie, Belchertown
Joan Ann Pippen, Stafford, Conn.

31 John Joseph Shea, Belchertown
Arlene Therese Sullivan, Palmer

31 Charles Lester Pierce, Belchertown
Carol Janet Aldrich, Belchertown

June

7 Richard Kenneth Cook, Belchertown
Joan Catherine Kernicki, Belchertown

7 Edward Joseph Pisarski, Ware
Pauline Natalie Geslock, Belchertown

21 Ralph E. Moynahan, Wilbraham
Evelyn M. Kozlik, Palmer

28 Malcolm Sherwood Stone, Belchertown
Janice Story, Belchertown

July

5 Charles R. Dunbar, Holyoke
Ann Elizabeth Hanifin, Belchertown

7 Frazer H. Bushey, Easthampton
Mary E. Galpin, Belchertown

27 Elmer Anderson, Palmer
Fay Anna Hislop, Belchertown

August

2 Ray McAllen Scott, Granby
Gloria Louise Smith, Belchertown

16 Lafayette Winthrop Ayers, Jr., Belchertown
Marie Rose Hubbard, Belchertown

23 Joseph Lee Gaudette, Granby
Lorraine Eva Provost, Belchertown

23 Ernest Leo Lariviere, Granby
Janet Theresa Provost, Belchertown

23 Donald Constant Sapowsky, Granby
Anne Eileen Joyal, Belchertown

September

1 Gerald Raymond Fournier, Holyoke
Lorraine Glorianne Lepine, Belchertown

6 Cecil R. Holden, Belchertown
Doris Reynolds, Amherst

13 Guy Andrew Doubleday, Belchertown
Shirley Mae Whelihan, Holyoke

27 Carl Roy Fay, Belchertown
Irene Jeannette Roberge Miller, Williamsburg

27 George Daniel Henry, Belchertown
Marguerite Elizabeth Asher, Springfield

27 Rene Mourse Charland, Belchertown
Elizabeth Jean Daudlin Bangert, Belchertown

October

4 Frank Leon Antonovitch, Belchertown
Mary Louise Campion, Holland, Mass.

11 Ernest Etienne Guillotte, Belchertown
Exilda Marie Fournier Boudreau, Holyoke

18 Charles Ray Ratcliff, Forth Worth, Texas
Barbara Ann Barrett, Belchertown

25 Frank Richard Nute, Belchertown
Claire Adrienne Lamoureux Dahlgren, Belchertown

November

15 Charles Loomis Jourdain, Jr., Amherst
Joan Estelle Hill, Belchertown

27 Armand Alphage Lepine, Belchertown
Eileen M. Walsh, Holyoke

29 George Richard Wezniak, Belchertown
Barbara Ann Cole, Granby

December

8 Homer Jackson Poole, Jr., Belchertown
Joan Pickering Newkirk, Amherst

13 Oliver David Austin, Belchertown
Eva Victoria Cote Cooney, Chicopee

25 James Michael Warren, Belchertown
Mary Theresa Labrecque O'Donnell Cannon, South Hadley

27 Marcin Serwatka, Belchertown
Anna Kluza Jasienoski, Granby

DEATHS RECORDED IN 1952

Date	Name and Place of Death	Age		
		yrs.	mos.	dys.
January				
21	Agnes Knowlton Parish, Northampton	76	10	18
24	Herbert E. Bahlin, Belchertown	40	1	12
February				
5	John Paul Rainville, Jr., Belchertown	9	4	7
9	Stella Boardman Weston, Belchertown	79	6	3
16	Anna Homiak Stoler, Palmer	59	4	18
17	Alexander Stolar, Belchertown	67		
18	Lionel G. Menard, Belchertown	41		
26	Mary Murphy, Belchertown	77	10	23
March				
6	Elaine Brodsky, Belchertown	5	10	12
6	James R. Newcomb, Belchertown	5	10	19
11	William Leffingwell Lauree, Belchertown	80	6	11
22	Miriam Sokolove, Belchertown	31	1	26
23	Joseph Henke, Belchertown	39	2	19
23	Martin Austin Whitmore, Belchertown	73	4	8
23	Edna Fuller Adams, Palmer	82		
28	Bertha Brewer, Belchertown	57	6	26
29	Robert Metcalf, Springfield	70	11	19
29	Catherine Spellman, Northampton	52	4	19
30	Dora Smith Duncan, Westfield	64	3	27
April				
5	Marjorie Hennessey, Belchertown	25		17
7	Elizabeth Twardowski Romaniak, Belchertown	57	6	4
7	Edwin Payson Kimball, Belchertown	25	3	19
19	John Skorupski, Belchertown	71		
19	Daniel Brault, Palmer		22 hours	
21	Alberta Mae Hart, Belchertown	10		12

		yrs.	mos.	dys.
29	Leo Fontaine, Holyoke	48		
May				
3	Charles Forest Gill, Belchertown	63	5	8
16	Peter Skorupski, Westfield	41	3	15
18	Aime Claprood, Montreal, Canada	71	9	
18	Benjamin Horton, Holyoke	69	6	3
21	Helen Lillian Jez, Belchertown	19	1	4
26	Grazaile Mailhot Marion, Holyoke	67		
June				
26	Ralph W. Beiermeister, Belchertown	57	2	1
26	Archibald Burdick, Belchertown	69	9	14
28	Oliver J. Lanoue, Belchertown	66		
July				
6	Grace E. Loudon, Belchertown	53	2	26
7	Lizzie Webster, Belchertown	58		
9	Myrtle Parish Cook, Springfield	64	3	25
18	Frank J. Morlock, Belchertown	70	1	23
22	Vera Gilbert Phillips Meiklejohn, Belchertown	45		1
24	Bolac S. Kulig, Palmer	36	6	2
25	Nelson Purrington, Belchertown	21	5	11
August				
10	Richard Earle Dawes, Belchertown	17	7	24
14	Mary Houle, Belchertown			2
26	Grace Witham Erskine, Belchertown	70	10	3
September				
5	Walter Galus, Jr., Belchertown	6	7	27
7	Ann Woodlock White, Belchertown	24		13
23	Jennie Freeman Lovett, Belchertown	89	6	1
24	Minerva Stevens Wright, Northampton	83	5	
29	Bruce Partridge, Belchertown	23	11	16

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October				
1	Adeline LaGrasse, Belchertown	45	2	23
8	Raymond Snowden, Belchertown	4	7	22
17	Caroline Anne Lizotte, Belchertown	2	8	14
29	James Evans, Belchertown	77		
November				
9	Arthur Jacobs, Belchertown	19	2	19
10	Clara Pittsinger Squires, Belchertown	66	4	19
24	Robert Gerald Cedrone, Belchertown	3	3	13
25	Howard B. Doane, Belchertown	54	9	1
December				
19	Mary Christina Sullivan, Belchertown	74	11	28
25	Frederick R. Keller, Palmer	20	10	8
26	Fred F. Randolph, Belchertown	64	1	19

Minutes of Annual Town Meeting

ARTICLES IN WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING FEBRUARY 11, 1952

Art. 1. To choose the following named officers by nomination: two Almoners of the Whiting Street and the Mrs. Susan M. D. Bridgman Funds, each for one year; one trustee of the Calvin Bridgman Fund for three years.

Art. 2. To hear the reports of the officers of the town and of any committees that may have been appointed by the town and act thereon.

Art. 3. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as shall be deemed necessary to defray the expenses listed in the Finance Committee report for the current financial year and act thereon.

Art. 4. To see if the town will vote to give to Clapp Memorial Library the balance of the dog license fund after damages are paid, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 5. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 81 Highways, or take any action in relation thereto.

Art. 6. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 90 Highway Construction, on the Three Rivers Road, or take any action in relation thereto.

Art. 7. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 90 Highway Maintenance, or take any action in relation thereto.

Art. 8. To see if the town will vote to rescind the votes passed at the special town meeting on October 8, 1951, under Articles I and II in the warrant for said special meeting.

Art. 9. To hear a report of the Elementary School Building Committee, and act thereon.

Art. 10. To see if the town will authorize and direct the Board of Selectmen to purchase for the sum of Three Thousand ($3,000) Dollars, or take by eminent domain under Chapter 79 of the General Laws, for school purposes, the real estate of Edward P. Bartlett and Eleanor S. Bartlett, situated on the easterly side of South Main Street, in Belchertown, Massachusetts, and known as the "Clapp Lot", together with a strip of land fifty (50) feet wide extending from said South Main Street to said "Clapp Lot", being the same premises described in a written option dated January 18, 1952, signed by said Edward P. Bartlett and Eleanor S. Bartlett and filed in the Town Clerk's office, to which reference is expressly made for a more particular description; subject to the easements, restrictions and covenants therein set forth; and appropriate the sum of Thirty-three Hundred ($3,300) Dollars for the acquisition of said real estate and for legal expenses involved in said transaction, or act otherwise thereon.

Art. 11. To see if the town will appropriate, for the use of the Elementary School Building Committee, the balance of the appropriation of Eleven Thousand ($11,000) Dollars from the Post War Rehabilitation Fund, as previously authorized at a special town meeting held June 26, 1950, approved by the Emergency Finance Board of the Commonwealth on June 4, 1951, or act otherwise thereon.

Art. 12. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from the Road Machinery Earnings Account the sum of $5,000.00 to the Road Machinery Expense Account, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 13. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from the Road Machinery Earnings Account the sum of $2,000.00 to pay a note issued in 1949, for the purchase of road machinery, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 14. To see if the town will authorize the payment of $130.00 for the salaries of the School Committee for the year ensuing, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 15. To see if the town will vote to allow the Selectmen to appoint one of their members Inspector of Animals for the year 1952, as provided for in the General Laws, at a salary not to exceed $200.00, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 16. To see if the town will vote to allow the Cemetery Commissioners to appoint themselves to work in the cemeteries at a rate not to exceed 90 cents per hour for the year 1952, as provided for in the General Laws, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 17. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Moderator to appoint a committee to investigate the establishment of a public parking area on the south end of the Common, said committee to report its findings at the next town meeting, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 18. To see if the town will vote to authorize the payment of $200.00 for salaries of the Sewer Commissioners for the year ensuing, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 19. To see if the town will vote to allow the Sewer Commissioners to appoint themselves to work on the town sewer system at a rate not to exceeed $1.50 per hour for the year 1952, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 20. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of revenue of the municipal year beginning January 1, 1952, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 21. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from the Insurance Reserve Account the sum of $525.00 to the Insurance Account, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 22. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate from available funds the sum of $100.30 to liquidate an overdraft of the Sewer Maintenance Account.

Art. 23. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate from available funds the sum of $787.68, due the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for snow removal expenses in 1947 and 1948, or take any other action relative thereto.

Art. 24. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums for bills incurred in 1951:

Lena N. Wilson, Health	$12.50
J. R. Newman, Health	16.50
Harry E. Sessions, Wire Inspector	42.00
Russell Snow, Poole Road Layout	112.00
Harold Willey, Appraisals Sewer Takings	25.00
Sundry Persons, Vocational Education	39.13
Morse & Morse, Law	58.40
Sewer Commissioners, Salaries	175.00

or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 25. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Moderator to appoint a committee to investigate and study the provisions of Chapter 622, Acts of 1949, relative to the organization of union health departments, and to determine the desirability of the town joining with one or more surrounding towns to form a union health department; said committee to report its findings to the next annual town meeting.

Art. 26. To see if the town will vote to accept the layout of the Poole Road extension, so-called, as made by the Board of Selectmen, under date of October 11, 1951, and as shown on a plan, dated November 23, 1951, on file in the Town Clerk's office in Belchertown, Massachusetts, or act otherwise thereon.

Art. 27. To see if the town will vote to accept as a public town highway that section of Poole' Road, so-called, extending from Bay Road northerly a distance of approximately 600 feet, as shown on a plan, dated July 17, 1950, on file in the Town Clerk's office in Belchertown, Massachusetts, and further that said highway shall be officially designated as Poole Road, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 28. To see if the town will vote to amend the action taken under Article 22 of the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting held February 12, 1951, by inserting after the words, "World War I and II" the following, "and the Korean Conflict", or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 29. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the War Memorial Fund, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 30. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the construction and completion of the Federal Street Sewer Project, beginning at the residence of Clarence Pierce, following northerly along Federal Street to Webster's Store, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 31. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow a sum of money not to exceed $9,000.00, and to issue a note or notes of the Town therefor, payable in not more than ten years from date of issue; this debt to be incurred for the purpose of constructing and completing the Federal Street Sewer Project; or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 32. To see if the town will vote to form a Public Welfare District together with the Town of Granby, to be effective on April 1, 1952, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 33. To see if the town will vote to accept the provisions of Section 103A, Chapter 54 of the General Laws, pertaining to absentee voting in town elections, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 34. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of a Diesel tractor and to use the proceeds toward the purchase of a tractor loader, and further that a sum of money from the Road Machinery Earnings Account be made available to pay any balance on such purchase, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 35. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

ACTIONS TAKEN UNDER ARTICLES FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, FEBRUARY 11, 1952

Meeting called to order by Moderator Lewis H. Blackmer at 7.30 o'clock P. M. Prayer was offered by Rev. Raymond D. Moore.

Art. 1. Voted: That Mrs. Amy B. Witt and Mrs. Sophia Pero be chosen as Almoners of the Whiting Street and the Mrs. Susan M. D. Bridgman Poor Funds, each for one year, and that D. Donald Hazen be chosen as trustee of the Calvin Bridgman Fund for three years.

Art. 2. Voted: That the reports of the officers of the town and of any committees appointed by the town, excepting the reports of the Finance Committee, Elementary School Building Committee, Regional School Planning Committee and the Committee appointed to study the Fire Department recommendations, be accepted as printed in the 1951 Town Report.

William E. Shaw reported for the Regional School Planning Committee. Voted to accept report and discharge committee.

Harold W. Willey reported for Committee appointed to study the Fire Department recommendations. Voted to accept report.

Art. 3. Voted: That the report of the Finance Committee be considered and that each item in the report be considered as a written motion as required by Town By-Laws.

Voted to appropriate:

APPENDIX

Account	Appropriation From Revenue	From Available Funds
Selectmen Salary, Chairman	$175.00	
Salary, Clerk	125.00	
Salary, Other Member	125.00	
Expenses	200.00	
Town Accountant, Salary	500.00	
Expenses	25.00	
Treasurer, Salary	725.00	
Expenses	290.00	
Tax Collector, Salary	700.00 Plus Fees	
Expenses	575.00	
Assessors, Salary, Chairman	300.00	
Salary, Other Member	200.00	
Salary, Other Member	200.00	
Expenses	400.00	
Town Clerk, Salary	300.00 Plus Fees	
Expenses	200.00	
Election and Registration	1,050.00	
Certification of Notes	20.00	
Law	200.00	
Town Hall	300.00	
Lawrence Memorial Hall	400.00	
Legion Headquarters	350.00	
Police	1,700.00	
Fire Department	2,600.00	
Forest Fires	1,500.00	
Hydrants	1,500.00	
Moth Suppression	600.00	
Dutch Elm Disease	1,000.00	
Tree Warden	600.00	
Sealer of Weights and Measures	100.00	
Inspector of Wiring	100.00	

Health	1,200.00	
Sewers, Maintenance	2,500.00	
Highways, Chapter 81	4,120.00	
Highways, Chap. 90, Maintenance	1,000.00	
Highways, Snow	1,500.00	
Highways, Streets	100.00	
Highways, Sidewalks	100.00	
Highways, Bridges	1,000.00	
Street Lights	2,059.00	
Public Welfare	1,500.00	
Salary, Chairman	175.00	
Salary, Clerk	125.00	
Salary, Other Mem.	125.00	
Veterans' Aid	500.00	
Old Age Assistance	42,500.00	
Aid to Dependent Children	1,100.00	
Disability Assistance	3,000.00	
Schools	123,230.00	
Vocational Education	1,000.00	
Parsons Field	300.00	
Clapp Memorial Library	700.00	
Cemeteries	1,050.00	
Soldiers' Graves	250.00	
Unclassified	600.00	
Reserve Fund		$3,500.00 from Overlay Reserve
Memorial Day	200.00	
Armistice Day	60.00	
Honor Roll	20.00	
Insurance	4,150.00	
Interest	1,145.00	
Town Clock	130.00	
Public Dump	100.00	

Common	150.00
Photostats of Discharges	25.00
Summer Recreation Program	500.00
Civil Defense	220.00
Retirement Payments	381.12
Planning Board	300.00
Maturing Debt	2,000.00

Art. 4. Voted: To give to Clapp Memorial Library the balance of the dog license fund after damages are paid.

Art. 5. Voted: That the sum of $4,120.00 be raised and appropriated to meet the town's share of the cost of Chapter 81 Highways, and that in addition thereto the sum of $28,050.00 be transferred from unappropriated available funds in the treasury to meet the State's share of the cost of the work, the reimbursements from the State to be restored, upon their receipt to unappropriated funds in the treasury.

Art. 6. Voted: That the sum of $1,500.00 be raised and appropriated to meet the town's share of the cost of Chapter 90 Construction on the Three Rivers Road, and that in addition thereto the sum ot $4,500.00 be transferred from unappropriated available funds in the treasury to meet the State's and County's shares of the cost of the work, the reimbursements from the State and County to be restored upon their receipt to the unappropriated available funds in the treasury.

Art. 7. Voted: That the sum of $1,000.00 be raised and appropriated to meet the town's share of the cost of Chapter 90 Highway Maintenance, and that in addition the sum of $2,000.00 be transferred from unappropriated available funds in the treasury to meet the State's and County's shares of the cost of the work, the reimbursements from the State and County to be restored upon their receipt to unappropriated available funds in the treasury.

Art. 8. Voted: That the town rescind the votes passed at the special town meeting on October 8, 1951, under Articles I and II in the warrant for said special meeting.

Art. 9. E. Clifton Witt reported for the Elementary School Building Committee. Voted to accept report as report of progress.

Art. 10. Voted: That the town authorize and direct the Board of Selectmen to purchase for the sum of Three Thousand Dollars, or take by eminent domain under Chapter 79 of the General Laws, for school purposes, the real estate of Edward P. Bartlett and Eleanor S. Bartlett, situated on the easterly side of South Main Street, in Belchertown, Massachusetts, and known as the "Clapp Lot," together with a strip of land fifty feet wide extending from said South Main Street to said "Clapp Lot," being the same premises described in a written option dated January 18, 1952, signed by said Edward P. Bartlett and Eleanor S. Bartlett, and filed in the Town Clerk's office, to which reference is expressly made for a more particular description; subject to the easements, restrictions and covenants therein set forth; and appropriate the sum of Thirty-three Hundred Dollars for the acquisition of said real estate and for legal expenses involved in said transaction. Vote was unanimous.

Art. 11. Voted: To appropriate, for the use of the Elementary School Building Committee, the balance of the appropriation of Eleven Thousand Dollars from the Post War Rehabilitation Fund, as previously authorized at a special town meeting held June 26, 1950, approved by the Emergency Finance Board of the Commonwealth on June 4, 1951.

Art. 12. Voted: To appropriate from the Road Machinery Earnings Account the sum of $5,000.00 to the Road Machinery Expense Account.

Art. 13. Voted: To appropriate from the Road Machinery Earnings Account the sum of $2,000.00 to pay a note issued in 1949, for the purchase of road machinery.

Art. 14. Voted: That the town authorize the payment of $130.00 for the salaries of the School Committee for the year ensuing.

Art. 15. Voted: That the town allow the Setectmen to appoint one of their members Inspector of Animals for the year 1952, as provided in the General Laws, at a salary not to exceed $200.00.

Art. 16. Voted: That the town allow the Cemetery Commissioners to appoint themselves to work in the cemeteries at a rate not to exceed 90 cents an hour, for the year 1952, as provided for in the General Laws.

Art. 17. Voted: That the town authorize and instruct the Moderator to appoint a committee to investigate the possibilities of establishing a public parking area on the south end of the Common, said committee to report its findings and recommendations at the next town meeting.

Art. 18. Voted: That the town authorize the payment of $200.00 for the salaries of the sewer commissioners for the year ensuing.

Art. 19. Voted: That the town allow the sewer commissioners to appoint themselves to work on the town sewer at a rate not to exceed $1.50 per hour for the year 1952.

Art. 20. Voted: That the town authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of revenue of the municipal year beginning January 1, 1952, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, of the General Laws. Vote was unanimous.

Art. 21. Voted: That the town appropriate from the Insurance Reserve Account the sum of $525.00 to the Insurance Account.

Art. 22. Voted: That the town appropriate from available funds the sum of $100.30 to liquidate an overdraft of the Sewer Maintenance Account. Vote was unanimous.

Art. 23. Voted: That the town appropriate from available funds the sum of $787.68 due to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for snow removal expenses incurred in 1947 and 1948.

Art. 24. Voted: That the town raise and appropriate the following listed sums for bills incurred in 1951:

Lena N. Wilson, Health	12.50
J. R. Newman, Health	16.50
Harry E. Sessions, Wire Inspector	42.00
Russell Snow, Poole Road	112.00
Harold Willey, Appraisals Sewers	25.00
Sundry Persons, Vocational Education	39.13
Morse & Morse, Law	58.40
Sewer Commissioners, Salaries	175.00

Vote was unanimous.

Art. 25. Voted: That the Moderator be authorized and instructed to appoint a committee to investigate and study the provisions of Chapter 662, Acts of 1949, General Laws, relative to the organization of union health departments, and to determine the desirability of the town joining with one or more surrounding towns to form a union health department; said committee to report its findings at the next annual town meeting.

Art. 26. Voted: To accept the layout of Poole Road extension, so-called, as made by the Board of Selectmen, under date of October 11, 1951, and as shown on a plan, dated November 23, 1951, on file in the Town Clerk's office in Belchertown, Massachusetts.

Art. 27. Voted: That the town accept as a public town highway that section of Poole Road, so-called, extending from Bay Road northerly a distance of approximately 600 feet, as shown on a plan dated July 17, 1950, on file in the Town Clerk's office in Belchertown, Massachusetts, and said highway is hereby officially designated as Poole Road.

Art. 28. Voted: That the town amend the action taken under Article 22 of the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting held February 12, 1951, by inserting after the words "World Wars I and II" the following "and the Korean conflict" so as to read: "A Memorial to the men and women from Belchertown who served in World Wars I and II, and the Korean conflict."

Art. 29. Voted: That the town raise and appropriate the sum of

$1,000.00 for the War Memorial Fund.

Art. 30. Voted: That the sum of $9,000.00 be approrpriated for the construction of sewers on Federal Street, and to meet said appropriation the sum of $1,000.00 be appropriated from Available Funds and the sum of $8,000.00 be borrowed for that purpose.

Art. 30. Voted: That the sum of $9,000.00 be appropriated for approval of the Selectmen, to borrow a sum of money not to exceed $8,000.00, and to issue a note or notes of the town therefor, payable in not more than ten years from the date of issue, this debt to be incurred for the purpose of constructing and completing the Federal Street Sewer Project. Vote was unanimous.

Art. 32. Voted: That the town form a Public Welfare District together with the Town of Granby, said district to become effective on April 1, 1952.

Art. 33. Voted: That the town accept the provisions of Section 103A, Chapter 54 of the General Laws, relative to absentee voting in town elections.

Art. 34. Voted: That the Selectmen are hereby authorized to dispose of a D-6 Diesel Tractor by trading or outright sale, said trade or proceeds of sale to be applied toward the purchase of a tractor loader; and that the sum of $2,500.00 be appropriated from the Road Machinery Earnings Account to pay remaining balance.

Art. 35. The Selectmen announced tthe appointment of Aubrey Lapolice and Sidney Wheeler to the Finance Committee for three years.

Voted to adjourn at 9.01 P. M.

APPENDIX

TOWN ELECTION FEBRUARY 4, 1952

Polls opened at 9 o'clock A. M. and closed at 7 o'clock P. M. Ballots counted and declared as follows:

		Precinct A	B	Tot.
Moderator for one year	Lewis H. Blackmer	635	125	760
Town Clerk for one year	William E. Shaw	639	128	767
Town Treasurer for one year	William E. Shaw	632	127	759
Selectmen for one year	Charles F. Austin	371	74	445
	Francis M. Austin	381	124	505
	Edward Germain	424	129	553
	Isaac A. Hodgen	451	104	555
	Lyman E. Hubbard	213	29	242
Collector Taxes for 3 years	William E. Shaw	637	126	763
School Committee for 3 years	Fanny G. Morey	617	125	742
Assessor for 3 years	George E. Booth	640	127	767
Sewer Commissioner, 3 years	Ella A. Stebbins	621	116	737
Cemetery Commissioner, 3 yrs.	Lincoln A. Cook	623	120	743
Planning Board for 5 years	Robert J. Braden	580	108	688
Tree Warden for 1 year	Edward B. Conkey	615	110	725
Constables for 1 year	Ernest M. Gay	552	119	671
	Frank L. Gold	487	99	586
	D. Donald Hazen	591	126	717
	Nelson J. Hill	603	102	705
	Andrew T. Sears	590	133	723
	Robert A. White	324	84	408
Total Vote Cast		761	187	948
Registered Voters	Men	585	127	
	Women	548	117	
		1,133	244	1377

ARTICLES IN WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING JULY 21, 1952

Art. 1. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the construction, original equipping and furnishing of a new Elementary School, to be located on the Clapp Lot, co-called, South Main St., Belchertown, Mass., according to preliminary plans of Bernhard Dirks, Architect, File No. 52-1, dated July 7, 1952, on file in the Town Clerk's office, appropriate a sum of money not to exceed $440,000., for such purpose, and determine how such appropriation shall be raised, and to take any action in connection with or incidental to the foregoing.

Art. 2. To see if the Town will authorize the present Elementary School Building Committee to act for the Town and have in charge the construction, original equipping and furnishing of the Elementary School Building, described in the preceding article, together with the landscaping, construction of roads, and installation of water and sewer services on the building site, or take any other action relative thereto.

Art. 3. To hear the report of the Committee to investigate the establishment of a parking lot on the south end of the Common and act thereon, or take any other action relative thereto.

Art. 4. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from available funds for the construction of a public parking area on the south end of the Common, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 5. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds a sum of money for Public Welfare, or take any action relative thereto.

ACTIONS TAKEN UNDER ARTICLES IN WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING JULY 21, 1952

Art. 1. Voted: That there be and hereby is authorized the construction, original equipping and furnishing of a new Elementary

School, to be located on the Clapp Lot, so-called, South Main Street, Belchertown, Massachusetts, according to preliminary plans of Bernhard Dirks, Architect, File No. 52-1, dated July 7, 1952, on file in the Town Clerk's office, and for said purpose there is hereby appropriated the sum of $440,000.00 to be raised as follows: (1) the sum of $40,000.00 shall be transferred from surplus revenue funds; (2) the sum of $225,000.00 shall be borrowed under and pursuant to the provision of Chapter 628 of the Acts of 1951, by the issue and sale of $225,000.00 aggregate principal amount of general obligation serial bonds of the Town payable over a period of twenty years from their date; (3) the sum of $175,000.00 shall be borrowed under and pursuant to the provisions of the General Laws (Ter. Ed.) Chapter 44, Section 7, and acts in amendment thereof and in addition thereto, including without limitation Chapter 56 of the Acts of 1952, by the issue and sale of $175,000.00 aggregate principal amount of general obligation serial bonds of the Town payable over a period of twenty years from their date.

The foregoing vote was passed by 142 voting in the affirmative and two in the negative.

Art. 2. Voted: That the present Elementary School Building Committee be and hereby is authorized to act for the Town and have in charge the construction, original equipping and furnishing of the Elementary School Building, described in the preceding article, together with the landscaping, construction of roads, and the installation of water and sewer services on the building site.

Art. 3. Voted: That the report of the Committee to investigate the establishment of a parking lot on the south end of the Common be accepted, and that said Committee is hereby authorized to proceed with the construction of said public parking area according to the plan presented, and may expend such sums on said project as may be appropriated therefor.

Art. 4. Voted: That the sum of $700.00 be appropriated from available funds for the establishment of a public parking area on the south end of the Common as described and authorized in the preceding article.

Art. 5. Voted: That the sum of $1,000.00 be appropriated from available funds for the Public Welfare Account.

Art. 6. Voted: To adjourn at 8.57 P. M.

Report of Town Accountant

BALANCE SHEET—December 31, 1952

General Accounts
ASSETS

Cash		$242,469.15
Accounts Receivable:		
Taxes:		
Levy of 1950:		
Real Estate	$15.60	
Levy of 1951:		
Real Estate	552.35	
Personal	694.06	
Levy of 1952:		
Real Estate	12,202.26	
Personal	4,424.13	
Poll	10.00	17,898.40
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes:		
Levy of 1951	49.42	
Levy of 1952	1,453.52	1,502.94
Tax Titles	3,020.95	
Tax Possessions	168.81	3,189.76
Departmental:		
Highways	22.00	
Public Welfare	22.91	
Old Age Assistance	1,238.75	
Aid to Dependent Children	128.12	
Disability Assistance	15.81	
Sewer Rentals, 1951	48.33	

General Accounts
LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

Dog Licenses to County		$1.80
Payroll Deductions:		
Federal Taxes	$1,406.00	
Hampshire County Retirement	137.72	1,543.72
Overestimate, County Tax, 1952		477.51
Trust Funds Income:		
Susan M. D. Bridgman Poor Fund		714.86
Accounts Held in Trust:		
Deposits in lieu of bond, children's boarding homes	50.00	
Impounding and Sale of Cattle	312.00	362.00
Workmen's Compensation Fund:		
State Highway Allowance		575.32
Sale of Real Estate Fund		13.68
Road Machinery Fund		9,767.14
High School Athletic Fund		2.57
Tailings		98.76
Federal Grants:		
Aid to Dependent Children—Aid	74.38	
Old Age Assistance—Aid	3,220.79	
Old Age Assistance—Administration	6.49	
Disability Assistance—Aid	22.82	
George Deen Fund	10.51	3,334.99
Unexpended Appropriation Balances:		
Elementary School Bldg. Committee Fund	8,635.90	
War Memorial	2,000.00	
Planning Board	589.67	
Cleaning and Repairing Water Holes	300.00	11,525.57
Elementary School Building Funds:		
Town Appropriation	40,000.00	
Loan, Acts of 1951	212,939.00	
Bonds	175,000.00	427,939.00

Sewer Rentals, 1952	253.33	1,729.25
Aid to Highways:		
State		3,566.32
Overdrawn Accounts:		
Smith-Hughes Fund		70.00
Underestimated Accounts:		
State Parks and Reservations	117.19	
Audit Municipal Accounts	41.22	158.41
Investment of School Loans		316,997.60
		$587,581.83

Premiums and Accrued Interest		602.68
Post War Rehabilitation Fund		4,852.00
Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus		8,729.50
Overlays—Reserved for Abatements		
Levy of 1950	15.60	
Levy of 1951	1,246.41	
Levy of 1952	3,988.07	5,250.08
Revenue—Reserved until Collected:		
Motor Vehicle Excise	1,502.94	
Tax Title and Tax Possessions	3,189.76	
Departmental	1,759.25	
Aid to Highways	3,466.32	9,988.27
Recovery of Old Age Assistance		4,035.00
Surplus Revenue		97,767.38
		$587,581.83

INDEBTEDNESS ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt	$451,000.00

INDEBTEDNESS ACCOUNTS

Road Machinery Loan of 1949	$4,000.00	
Sewer Construction Loan of 1949	39,000.00	
Sewer Construction Loan of 1952	8,000.00	
School Building Loan, Act of 1951	225,000.00	
School Building Loan of 1952	175,000.00	451,000.00

POST WAR REHABILITATION FUND

Post War Rehabilitation Fund	613.35

POST WAR REHABILITATION FUND

Savings Bank Deposits	613.35

TRUST ACCOUNTS

Trust Funds and Securities	56,692.44

TRUST ACCOUNTS

Whiting Street Poor Fund	9,074.81	
Susan M. D. Bridgman Poor Fund	3,500.00	
George D. Longley School Music Fund	2,653.30	
Calvin Bridgman High School Fund	7,047.68	
Calvin Bridgman Library Fund	4,115.82	
Willard A. Stebbins Cemetery Fence Fund	5,156.18	
Susan M.D. Bridgman Cemetery Fund	429.63	
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	24,715.02	56,692.44

INVESTED FUND

Invested Fund	320,000.00

INVESTED FUND

U. S. Treasury Bills, maturity value	320,000.00

Balances on Appropriations as of Dec. 31, 1952

Account	Appopriation	Transfers and Additions	Expenditures	Unexpended
Selectmen, Salaries	$425.00		$386.15	$38.85
Selectmen, Expenses	200.00		200.00	
Town Accountant	525.00		523.57	1.43
Treasurer, Salary	725.00		725.00	
Treasurer, Expenses	290.00		257.64	32.36
Tax Collector, Salary	700.00		700.00	
Tax Collector, Expenses	575.00		488.34	86.66
Assessors, Salary	700.00		700.00	
Assessors, Expenses	400.00	128.14*	528.14	
Town Clerk, Salary	300.00		300.00	
Town Clerk, Expenses	200.00		193.57	6.43
Election and Registration	1,050.00	243.76*	1,293.42	.34
Certification of Notes	20.00		16.00	4.00
Law	200.00		45.00	155.00
Town Hall	300.00		208.27	91.73
Lawrence Memorial Hall	400.00		367.99	32.01
Legion Headquarters	350.00		310.00	40.00
Police	1,700.00	186.76*	1,886.76	
Fire Department	2,600.00		2,270.04	329.96
Forest Fires	1,500.00	144.14*	1,644.14	
Hydrant Service	1,500.00		1,500.00	
Moth Suppression	600.00		586.68	13.32
Dutch Elm Disease	1,000.00	387.00*	1,387.00	
Tree Warden	600.00		593.18	6.82
Sealer Weights & Measures	100.00		99.92	.08
Inspector of Wires	100.00	65.00*	165.00	
Health	1,200.00		452.95	747.05
Sewers—Construction	9,000.00	46.41°	9,037.61	8.80
Sewers—Maintenance	2,500.00	12.81*	2,512.81	
Highways—Chapter 81	4,120.00	28,050.00‡	32,102.93	67.07
Highways—Chap. 90. Mnt.	1,000.00	2,000.00‡		
		.24*	3,000.24	
Highways—Ch. 90, Const.	1,500.00	4,500.00‡		
		.50*	6,000.50	
Highways—Snow Removal	1,500.00	1,091.17*	2,591.15	.02
Highways—Streets	100.00		58.44	41.56
Highways—Bridges	1,000.00		627.50	372.50
Highways—Sidewalks	100.00		28.40	71.60
Road Machinery Expense	5,000.00		4,655.19	344.81
Street Lights	2,059.00		2,020.00	39.00

Account	Appropriation	Transfers and Additions	Expenditures	Unexpended
Public Welfare, Salaries	425.00		385.79	39.21
Public Welfare	2,500.00		1,711.76	788.24
Veterans' Aid	500.00		468.89	31.11
Disability Assistance	3,000.00		1,033.58	1,966.42
Old Age Assistance	42,500 00	101.33†	39,183.78	3,417.55
Aid Dependent Children	1,100.00		778.75	321.25
Schools	123,230.00		123,229.45	.55
Vocational Education	1,000.00	617.06*	1,617.06	
El. School Building Committee		10,566.90°	1,931.00	8,635.90
Land—El. Sch. Bldg.	3,000.00		3,000.00	
Legal Exp., Acquiring Land	300 00		300.00	
Clapp Memorial Library	700.00	18.20†	643.77	74.43
Rep.—Clapp Mem. Library		3,235.00°	3,235.00	
Parsons Recreational Field	300.00		210.17	89.83
Summer Recreation Program	500.00		492.27	7.73
Memorial Day	200.00		190.90	9.10
Armistice Day	60.00			60.00
Honor Roll	20.00			20.00
War Memorial	1,000.00	1,000.00°		2,000.00
Insurance	4,675.00	96.03†	3,723.25	1,047.78
Town Clock	130.00		128.00	2.00
Public Dump	100.00	79.42*	179.42	
Care of Common	150.00		117.19	32.81
Civil Defense	220.00	1,213.37° 10.74*	1,444.11	
Photostats Discharges	25.00		9.00	16.00
Planning Board Expenses	300.00	875.00°	585.33	589.67
Unclassified	600.00		549.70	50.30
Reserve Fund	3,500.00		3,446.37	53.63
Cemeteries	1,050.00		1,050.00	
Soldiers' Graves	250.00		250.00	
Retirement Payments	381.12		381.12	
Interest	1,145.00		1,145.00	
Maturing Debt	2,000.00		2,000.00	
Mat. Debt. Rd. Mach. Notes	2,000 00		2,000.00	
Rd. Mach. Tractor Loader	2,500.00		2,500.00	
Unpaid Accounts of 1951	480.53		480.53	
Town Parking Lot	700.00	479.63*	1,179.63	
Elementary School Bldg.	225,000.00		12,061.00	212,939.00

°On hand Jan. 1, 1952. †Refunds. ‡State and County allotments
*From Reserve Fund.

APPENDIX

TOWN DEBT STATEMENT

Sewer Construction Loan of 1949	$39,000.00
Serial Notes bearing interest at the rate of two and one-half per cent per annum and maturing $2,000.00 annually for 20 years from date of issue, and $1,000 annually for five years thereafter.	
Amount payable in 1953	2,000.00
Road Machinery Loan of 1949	4,000.00
Notes bearing interest at the rate of two per cent per annum and maturing $2.000.00 annually for five years from date of issue.	
Amount payable in 1953	2,000.00
Sewer Construction Loan of 1952	8,000.00
Serial Notes bearing interest at the rate of two and one-half per cent per annum and maturing $1,000.00 annually for eight years from date of issue.	
Amount payable in 1953	1,000.00
School Building Loan, Act of 1951	$225,000.00
Bonds bearing interest at the rate of 2.10%, dated August 1, 1952, payable $12,000.00 annually for five years, and $11,000.000 annually for fifteen years.	
Amount payable in 1953	12,000.00
School Building Loan of 1952	$175,000.00
Bonds bearing interest at the rate of 2.10%, dated August 1, 1952, payable $9,000.00 annually for fifteen years, and $8,000.00 annually for five years.	
Amount payable in 1953	9,000.00

RESERVE FUND TRANSFERS

Authorized by Finance Committee

From Reserve Fund to:

Assessors' Expense Account	128.14
Election and Registration	243.76
Police	186.76
Forest Fires	144.14

Dutch Elm Disease	387.00	
Inspector of Wires	65.00	
Sewers—Maintenance	12.81	
Highways—Chapter 90, Maintenance	.24	
Highways—Chapter 90, Construction	.50	
Highways—Snow Removal	1,091.17	
Vocational Education	617.06	
Town Parking Lot	479.63	
Public Dump	79.42	
Civil Defense	10.74	3,446.37

ELEANOR V. SPORBERT, *Town Accountant*

I certify that as Town Accountant I have examined the cash accounts and trust fund accounts of Town Treasurer William E. Shaw and have found balances sufficient to cover said accounts in cash and in bank deposits.

Eleanor V. Sporbert, Town Accountant

January 31, 1953

Hampshire, ss.

Then personally appeared before me, Eleanor V. Sporbert, Town Accountant, and made oath that the above certificate is correct.

Byron A. Hudson, Notary Public

APPENDIX

Itemized Report of Receipts and Expenditures

RECEIPTS

GENERAL REVENUE		
Taxes, William E. Shaw, Tax Collector		
Levy of 1950, Personal	198.30	
Levy of 1950, Real Estate	40.04	
Levy of 1951, Personal	3,033.92	
Levy of 1951, Real Estate	9,762.92	
Levy of 1952, Personal	21,474.15	
Levy of 1952, Real Estate	81,978.66	
Levy of 1952, Polls	1,568.00	
Levy of 1951, Motor Vehicle Excise	2,125.57	
Levy of 1952, Motor Vehicle Excise	19,054.33	139,145.89
Commonwealth of Massachusetts		
Income Tax	1,982.50	
Income Tax, School Aid	31,946.71	
Corporation Tax, Business	9,876.18	
Meals Tax, O. A. A.	1,945.54	
M. D. C., in lieu of taxes	5,010.32	50,761.25
Liquor licenses	2,387.00	
Business licenses and permits	323.00	
Court fines	302.95	3,012.95
Grants and Gifts		
From Federal Government		
Old Age Assistance	24,519.63	
Aid to Dependent Children	423.41	
Disability Assistance	687.08	25,630.12
Commonwealth of Massachusetts		
School Fund	3,096.52	
Vocational Education	1,878.93	

High School Transportation	14,884.00	
School Superintendent	554.65	
Highways, Chapter 81	27,814.73	
Livestock Disease Control	100.00	48,328.83
County of Hampshire, dog licenses		736.94
Total for General Revenue		$267,615.98
COMMERCIAL REVENUE		
Rent for driveway, Memorial Hall, Town Hall	201.00	
Rent of Common	200.00	
Sale of town maps	5.00	
Raymond C. Gay, Sealer's fees	47.80	
Central Vermont Railroad, forest fires	40.75	
County of Hampshire, dog officer fees	183.00	
County of Hampshire, wildcat bounties	30.00	
Commonwealth of Mass., Health Dept. subsidy	260.71	
Highways, Joint Construction and Maintenance		
Construction, state	8,800.00	
Construction, county	2,500.00	
Maintenance, county	2,500.00	14,800.00
Maintenance, state	1,000.00	
Road Machinery Earnings		8,349.36
John Orley, gasoline	6.30	
Bondsville Water Co., labor and materials	9.33	
Chapter 90, Construction, fuel oil	1.33	16.96
Sewers, Installations	145.75	
W. E. Shaw, collector, sewer rentals 1951	222.91	
W. E. Shaw, collector, sewer rentals, 1952	2,626.78	2,995.44
Reimbursements		
Public Welfare		
Commonwealth of Mass.	223.66	
Other cities and towns	425.88	
Individuals	134.19	783.73
Aid to Dependent Children		
Commonwealth of Mass.		478.32

Old Age Assistance		
Commonwealth of Mass.	25,743.34	
Other cities and towns	1,484.56	27,227.90
Disability Assistance		
Commonwealth of Mass.		448.15
Veterans' Services		180.47
Tuition of State Wards		10,176.15
Town of Granby, tuition		383.75
Total for Commercial Revenue		$66,808.49
INTEREST		
Amherst Savings Bank		
Calvin Bridgman Library Fund	118.00	
William E. Shaw, coll., on deferred taxes	345.17	
First National Bank of Amherst		
Susan Bridgman Poor Fund	105.00	
U. S. Treas., Post War Rehabilitation fund	852.00	
First National Bank of Boston		
Accrued interest on loans	183.76	
Accrued interest on bonds	142.92	1,746.85
MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS		
First National Bank of Boston		
School Building Loan	225,000.00	
School Bonds	175,000.00	
Premium on Loan	155.25	
Premium on Bonds	120.75	
Palmer National Bank		
Federal Street Sewer Loan	8,000.00	408,276.00
AGENCY, TRUST AND INVESTMENT		
Withholding tax, sundry persons	13,162.37	
Insurance Reserve, Chapter 81 and 90	551.63	
Retirement, sundry persons	1,007.43	
William E. Shaw, town clerk, dog licenses	927.40	15,648.83
Cemetery Perpetual Care		
Vianna E. Somes, add. Perpetual Care, F. E. Bridgman lot	7.24	
Merton Alden, Perpetual Care Alden lot,		

Mt. Hope	75.00	
Nannie Berger, H. C. Berger lot, Mt. Hope	100.00	
Rachel R. Smith, Exec. Etta Warner lot	100.00	282.24
Blue Cross, Health Insurance, sundry persons		1,593.36
Recovery O. A. A., sundry persons		4,085.00
High School Athletic Fund, Guy Harrington		392.68
Amherst Savings Bank, Income on Perpetual Care		381.59
Treasurer of U. S., Sale of Bonds, P. W. R.		20,000.00
First National Bank of Boston, Sale U. S. Treas. Bills		320,000.00
		$362,383.70

REFUNDS AND TRANSFERS

Berkshire Mutual Fire Insurance Co.	11.00	
O. A. A. refunds, sundry persons	184.18	
Bell and Hudson, insurance refunds	85.03	
School refunds, sundry persons	40.00	
Library refunds, sundry persons	18.20	338.41

Total receipts for the year ending Dec. 31, 1952	1,107,169.43
Audit adjustment	6.89
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1952	121,452.06
	$1,228,628.38

EXPENDITURES

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Selectmen

Salaries

Edward Germain	$119.55	
Francis Austin	125.00	
Isaac Hodgen	141.60	$386.15

Expenses		
Evelyn Wheble, clerical work	10.00	
Doris Squires, clerical work	13.50	
Eleanor Sporbert, clerical work	24.95	
Shirley Cook, clerical work	2.15	50.60
Postage	26.20	
Lewis H. Blackmer, printing	6.45	32.65
Hobbs and Warren, forms	7.29	
Tighe and Bond, maps	11.82	
Jackson's Store, folders	3.90	
Mass. Selectmen's Assoc., dues	25.00	
Comm. of Public Safety, licenses	.70	
Donald Hazen, posting warrants	25.00	
Isaac Hodgen, travel	23.00	
Francis Austin, travel	14.04	116.75
		$586.15
Town Accountant		
Ella A. Stebbins, salary	458.33	
Eleanor Sporbert, salary	41.67	
Lewis H. Blackmer, printing	21.90	
Postage	1.67	523.57
Town Treasurer		
William E. Shaw, salary		725.00
Mass. Coll. and Treas. Assoc., dues	2.00	
Bell and Hudson, bond	86.50	
Postage	39.10	
Hobbs and Warren, forms	8.63	
Lewis H. Blackmer, printing	31.80	
Jackson's Store	6.35	
Forbes Snyder, adding mach. repairs	66.76	
Doris Squires, clerical	16.50	257.64
		$982.64
Collector of Taxes and Town Collector		
William E. Shaw, salary		700.00
Doris Squires, clerical	117.00	
Postage	61.09	
Lewis H. Blackmer, printing	78.79	

Employers' Liab. Assur. Corp.	170.75	
Mass. Coll. and Treas. Assoc., dues	2.00	
Typewriter repairs	5.95	
Hobbs and Warren, forms	14.51	
Morse and Morse, coll. fees	38.25	488.34
		$1,188.34
Assessors		
William Kimball, Jr.	200.00	
George Booth	200.00	
Frederick Lincoln	300.00	700.00
Doris Squires, clerical	183.50	
Stoneham Indep., Inc., excise tax tables	1.00	
Mass. Assess. Assoc., dues	9.00	
Hobbs & Warren, forms	44.88	
Raymond Warner, transfers	229.71	
Lewis H. Blackmer, printing	8.65	
Jackson's Store, typewriter ribbon	1.40	
Ralph Trombly, appraisal	50.00	528.14
		$1,228.14
Town Clerk		
William E. Shaw, salary		300.00
William E. Shaw, fees	152.00	
Bell & Hudson, bond	7.50	
Forbes Snyder	29.07	
Mass. Town Clerks' Assoc., dues	5.00	193.57
		$493.57
Election and Registration		
Raymond Beaudoin	46.50	
Roy Shaw	58.50	
Alice Flaherty	46.50	151.50
Pencils and postage	4.84	
Precinct officers	701.00	
Janitors	15.00	
Arthur's Snack Bar, lunches	36.39	
Margie's Luncheonette	24.12	
Doris Squires, clerical	69.00	

Lewis H. Blackmer, printing	75.35	
Hobbs & Warren, forms	12.72	938.42
Street Listing		
Alberta Grout	60.00	
Minnie Flaherty	60.00	
Rose Wenzel	60.00	
Doris Squires	23.50	203.50
		$1,293.42
Law		
Morse & Morse, legal advice		45.00
Certification of Notes		
Division of Accounts		16.00
American Legion Headquarters		
Vernon Lodge Building Assoc., rent	300.00	
Worcester County Electric Co., lights	10.00	310.00
THE LAWRENCE MEMORIAL HALL		
Worcester Co. Electric Co., lights		80.14
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.		94.25
Lawyers Co-op. Pub. Co., set of Laws		120.32
Repairs		
J. Russell & Co.	4.41	
Harry Sessions, electrical work	9.00	
Earle Whitehouse	14.00	
Ryther & Warren	14.67	
Sundry Persons, repairs on flag pole	9.16	
Frank Scialla, clock repairs	4.50	
Carpenter Mfg. Co., batteries	17.54	73.28
		$367.99
OLD TOWN HALL		
Allen & Shumway, labor and pump	107.40	
Ryther & Warren	.75	
Alpine Gym. Co.	100.12	208.27
CIVIL DEFENSE		
James McKillop, director	742.35	
Lewis H. Blackmer, printing	30.80	
Lloyd C. Chadbourne, identifications	151.50	

Civilian Defense cut	3.65	
Postage and stationery	58.57	
Telephone	50.28	
Ryther & Warren, lumber	8.81	
Railway Express Agency	1.56	
Jackson's Store, supplies	9.19	
Services Equipment, arm bands	9.35	
Double or Nothing Club, projector rental	20.00	
Motorola Inc.	320.85	
Philorene Radio & Telev. Co.	37.20	1,444.11
POLICE		
Clarence Hubbard, traffic officer	975.50	
Nelson Hill	200.42	
Ernest Gay	259.35	
Frank Gold	126.92	
Donald Hazen	142.63	
Andrew Sears	35.61	
Robert White, dog officer	9.00	
Walter Piper, election officer	51.25	
Guy C. Allen, Sr., election officer	10.00	
Fanny G. Morey, election officer	38.00	
Lewis H. Blackmer, dog notices	4.01	
Mass. Fire Equip. Corp., lites and flares	25.35	
Dr. James L. Collard, professional services	4.00	
Ken-More Supply Co., flashlights	4.72	1,886.76
FIRE DEPARTMENT		
Joseph Kempkes, salary and permits	335.00	
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	254.47	
Worcester County Electric Co.	61.10	
Catherine Chadbourne, fuel oil	201.65	
Ambulance Services		
John Collis	21.00	
William Kimball, Jr.	12.00	
Carl Peterson	6.00	
Joseph Kempkes, Sr.	6.00	
George Dewey	9.00	
William Squires, Jr.	6.00	
Ernest Gay	3.00	
Joseph Kempkes, Jr.	6.00	
Louis Fuller	3.00	

Webster's Store	7.50	
Sundry persons, gas, oil, tires, etc.	141.49	
Lewis H. Blackmer, printing	26.12	
Zabek Motor Sales, hose	159.40	
Squires' Garage	103.08	
James R. Shea, recharges	144.11	
Wilbur Eaton, labor	5.00	
Joseph Kempkes, Jr.	7.00	
Milton Stone, snow removal	2.00	
Am. LaFrance Foamite Corp., helmets, coats, siren lights, etc.	447.54	
G. E. Electric Supply Corp.	10.50	
John Lee & Son, recharges	2.75	
H. E. Kimball & Sons	4.48	
Oakes Electrical Supply Co.	2.60	
H. A. Hopkins' Store, boots	36.00	
Bell & Hudson, insurance	157.50	
Stanley Pietryka, alarm installation at B. S. S.	40.17	
Ryther & Warren, repairs to building	14.04	
Miscellaneous	30.54	
Inspections	4.00	2,270.04
HYDRANT SERVICE		
Belchertown Water District		1,500.00
FOREST FIRES		
Services at fires	532.11	
Ashley's Garage	83.39	
Am. LaFrance-Foamite Corp., lights, hose, hydrant gate, etc.	302.57	
J. J. Kempkes, Sr., permits	90.70	
H. E. Kimball & Sons	19.76	
Harry Sessions	8.25	
Lewis H. Blackmer	15.00	
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	27.38	
E. B. Almus Co., Inc.	376.28	
Automobile Sales	3.66	
Chadbourne Petroleum Products, tires, tube, battery, gas, oil, fuel oil	115.15	
J. Raymond Gould	55.14	
J. J. Kempkes, Jr., repairs	5.25	

Ryther & Warren	9.50	1,644.14
SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES		
Hobbs & Warren, forms	4.92	
Raymond C. Gay, salary and expense	95.00	99.92
INSPECTOR OF WIRES		
Harry E. Sessions		165.00
MOTH SUPPRESSION		
Chadbourne's, kerosene	1.28	
Eastern States Farmers' Exchange	100.20	
Labor and Use of Trucks		
Norman Wilson	94.20	
Albert Atkins	64.80	
Edward Conkey	166.00	
Harold Tucker	56.40	
Leslie Henderson	103.80	586.68
WILDCAT BOUNTIES		
John Fletcher	20.00	
Vincent Penta	10.00	30.00
DUTCH ELM DISEASE		
Northern Tree Expert Co.	1,198.00	
Labor and Use of Trucks		
Norman Wilson	16.80	
Anthony Crisafulli	21.00	
Ira Shattuck	18.25	
Edward Conkey	88.65	
Harold Tucker	35.90	
Leslie Henderson	8.40	1,387.00
TREE WARDEN		
Northern Tree Expert Co.	400.00	
H. E. Kimball & Sons, axes	15.60	
Clifford Rawson, filing saws	3.00	
Labor and Use of Trucks		
Merton Pratt	6.30	
Willard Young	6.30	
Ira Shattuck	38.30	
Malcolm Stone	6.30	
Anthony Crisafulli	32.03	

John Rush	2.10	
Edward Conkey	60.35	
Harold Tucker	22.90	593.18
HEALTH		
Dr. Francis Austin, inspector of animals	200.00	
Lena Wilson, clerical work	6.25	
Doris Squires, clerical work	18.75	
Telephone and postage	1.45	
John R. Newman, inspector of meat	21.50	
Morse & Morse, legal advice	25.00	
Hampshire Co. Sanatorium	180.00	452.95
SEWERS—MAINTENANCE		
Belchertown State School, disposal of sewage		1,306.14
Material		
Allen and Shumway	5.62	
A. G. Market	2.18	
Ryther and Warren Co.	47.85	
W. Zabek Sand and Gravel Co.	4.88	
J. Raymond Gould	1.85	
D. Donald Hazen, loam	4.00	
Simplex Valve & Meter Co.	13.90	
Asphalt Pavement Corp.	12.60	92.88
Labor, sundry persons		578.00
Tighe & Bond, engineers		165.58
Ella A. Stebbins, salary, 11 months		45.83
Hired equipment and trucks		313.00
Town equipment		11.38
		$2,512.81
SEWER CONSTRUCTION—FEDERAL STREET		
Labor, sundry persons		3,324.49
Hired trucks and equipment		1,905.84
Town equipment		252.00
Material		
Raymond Gould, gas	4.91	
Mrs. Thomas Ashton, gas	25.96	
Reliance Motor Transportation	1.70	

Municipal Services	119.25	
Ryther & Warren Co.	1,699.81	
Chadbourne's, kerosene	17.80	
Zabek Sand & Gravel Co.	8.11	
J. & W. Jolly, manhole frames and covers	434.50	
Charles Millar & Son	31.29	
Johnson Asbestos Co.	464.83	
E. F. Shumway	4.00	
Aubuchon Paint & Hardware Co.	4.39	
H. E. Kimball & Sons	20.40	
Cook Builders' Supply Co.	26.73	
Asphalt Pavement Corp.	225.00	
Webster's Store, gas, kerosene	39.62	
Raymond Gay, express	5.74	
Squires' Garage, repairs	4.85	
Quink Bros., loam	8.00	
Johns-Manville	153.69	
Tighe & Bond	254.70	3,555.28
		$9,037.61
HIGHWAYS—CHAPTER 81		
Labor payrolls, sundry persons	12,614.45	
Insurance	455.87	
Town Equipment	6,244.35	
Bond	5.00	
Hired trucks	2,934.70	
Hired equipment	1,596.00	
Materials		
Chemical Corp., rock salt	668.90	
Mike Kernicki, gravel	137.50	
New England Metal Culvert Co.	783.04	
Asphalt Pavement Corp.	1,788.90	
Mrs. Marion Baril	214.70	
D. D. Ruxton Co.	854.46	
George Booth, gravel	2.40	
Barrett Division, tarvia	3,780.63	
Banas Sand and Gravel	11.03	
Jurczyk, dynamite, caps	11.00	32,102.93
HIGHWAYS—CHAPTER 90—CONSTRUCTION		
Labor payrolls, sundry persons	1,539.72	

Insurance	55.22	
Town equipment	457.50	
Hired trucks and equipment	1,278.22	
Material		
Ryther & Warren, grass seed, paint	4.15	
New England Metal Culvert Co.	403.84	
John S. Lane & Son, trap rock	910.16	
Town of Belchertown, fuel oil	1.33	
John Spellman, gravel	84.00	
Koppers Co.	1,194.36	
Asphalt Pavement Corp.	72.00	6,000.50
HIGHWAYS—CHAPTER 90—MAINTENANCE		
Labor payrolls, sundry persons	1,121.38	
Insurance	40.54	
Town equipment	620.55	
Hired trucks	78.95	
Material		
Koppers Co.	669.24	
Asphalt Pavement Corp.	383.10	
D. D. Ruxton, sand	26.48	
Webster and Webster, posts	60.00	3,000.24
HIGHWAYS—BRIDGES		
Labor payrolls, sundry persons	158.20	
W. D. Cowls, lumber	256.60	
Earl Owen, lumber	135.00	
Hired trucks	5.70	
Town trucks and equipment	72.00	627.50
HIGHWAYS—STREETS		
Labor payrolls, sundry persons	28.24	
Town equipment	10.00	
Ryther & Warren	4.45	
Faulkner Hardware Co., wire	15.75	58.44
HIGHWAYS—SIDEWALKS		
Labor payrolls, sundry persons	22.15	
Town equipment	6.25	28.40
HIGHWAYS—SNOW REMOVAL (Sanding)		
Labor payrolls, sundry persons	798.82	
Hired equipment	416.40	
Town equipment	331.75	

D. D. Ruxton Co., sand	52.86	
Warner Bros., sand	616.20	
Commonwealth of Mass.	375.12	2,591.15
ROAD MACHINERY EXPENSE ACCOUNT		
Gas and oil, sundry persons	1,345.45	
Labor, sundry persons	169.54	
Belchertown Water District	20.25	
Worcester County Electric Co.	34.70	
Chadbourne Petroleum Products	403.70	
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	66.80	
Bell & Hudson, insurance	475.69	
Excise tax	2.00	
Diesel oil tax	51.60	
Parker's Auto Service	87.23	
Edward Mega, blacksmith work	5.00	
Fisk Tires and Tubes	738.64	
Frederick W. Shepard	24.80	
J. Russell & Co.	105.63	
Squires' Garage	32.71	
Belchertown Motor Sales	28.08	
Ryther & Warren, shovels, axe handles, etc.	65.95	
Watsh Holyoke Boiler Works, casting	27.90	
Carey's Machine Shop	45.62	
Perkins Milton Machine Co.	252.44	
Engel's Garage	337.18	
Raymond Gay, express	1.22	
Standard Tire Sales	5.00	
Chadbourne's, tires, battery, belt, etc.	229.89	
Goldstein & Gurwitz	64.88	
Ferrara Spring and Parts Co.	17.21	
Aubuchon Paint and Hardware Store	1.08	4,655.19
TRACTOR LOADER		
Perkins-Milton Co.		2,500.00
STREET LIGHTS		
Worcester County Electric Co.		2,020.00
PUBLIC WELFARE		
Salaries		
Edward Germain	120.00	
Isaac Hodgen	125.00	

Francis Austin	140.79	385.79
Disability Assistance, Federal Grants		610.72
Disability Assistance, administration		53.54
Disability Assistance, sundry persons		1,033.58
Groceries, sundry persons	385.53	
Chadbourne's, kerosene	51.75	
Cooley Dickinson Hospital	84.00	
Dr. Richard Hunt	6.00	
Wing Memorial Hospital	132.00	
Wesson Memorial Hospital	336.00	
Donald Hazen	13.00	
Comm. of Mass.	388.74	
Division of Child Guardianship	304.74	
Morse & Morse, legal advice	10.00	1,711.76
		$3,795.39

VETERANS' AID

Eleanor Sporbert, clerical work	24.44	
Lena Wilson, clerical work	6.25	
Johnson's Bookstore	3.20	
Lewis H. Blackmer, printing	5.76	
Ordinary allowance, sundry persons	209.64	
Fuel, sundry persons	96.00	
Medical expenses, sundry persons	123.60	468.89

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE—TOWN APPROPRIATION

Cash aid, sundry persons		34,512.39
Aid by Other Cities and Towns		
Town of Ware	152.10	
City of Springfield	758.87	
Town of West Springfield	203.44	
Town of Amherst	119.95	
City of Holyoke	236.95	
Town of Palmer	113.18	1,584.49
Administration		
Doris Dickinson	90.50	
Lena Wilson	496.10	
Lena Wilson, travel	17.71	
Telephone	5.57	
Dan Waters Co.	6.10	
A. H. Rice Co., supplies	48.45	

Lewis H. Blackmer, printing	12.70	
Hobbs & Warren	1.59	
Legislative Information subscrlption	5.00	
Social Service Index	10.00	
Mrs. Mary Peterson, conservator fee	5.00	
George Wyman, power of attorney	5.00	
Underwood Corp., typewriter maintenance	14.52	
William E. Shaw, preparing liens	40.50	
Box rent and postage	40.89	
Belchertown-Granby Welfare District	500.00	
Portion allowed for district expenses	652.07	
Administration	816.45	
Transfer of funds	318.75	3,086.90
		$39,183.78

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE—FEDERAL GRANTS

Cash aid, sundry persons		27,067.77
Administration		
Doris Dickinson, clerical work	11.00	
Lena Wilson, clerical work	158.75	
Lena Wilson, travel	9.31	
Telephone	38.35	
Dan F. Waters Co.	1.50	
Box rent and postage	2.32	
Mrs. Mary Peterson, conservator fee	5.00	
Belchertown-Granby Dist., administration	787.78	1,014.01
		$28,081.78

O. A. A. RECOVERY

Morse & Morse, legal fees		50.00

AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

From Federal Grant:		
Cash aid, sundry persons	386.30	
Bel.-Granby Welfare Dist., adm.	21.41	407.71
From Town Appropriation		
Cash Aid, sundry persons		778.75

RELIEF FROM CHARITY FUNDS

Susan M. D. Bridgman Poor Fund		170.00

SCHOOLS		
School Committee		
Salaries and Expenses		
E. Clifton Witt	50.00	
Fanny G. Morey	40.00	
W. Paige Piper	40.00	
Driver Education dinner	4.69	
Morse & Morse, legal advice	25.00	159.69
School Superintendent		
Salaries and Expenses		
Carl J. Peterson	2,849.99	
George S. Goodell	2,521.15	5,371.14
Rose Dewey, secretary	2,106.87	
Susan Menard, clerical work	265.00	2,371.87
Carl Peterson, travel	180.00	
George S. Goodell, travel	150.00	
N. E. and Mass. Assn., dues	25.00	
Books and subscriptions	35.47	
Forbes Snyder, office supplies	43.63	
Carl J. Peterson, postage and conf. exp.	71.24	
Lewis H. Blackmer, printing	10.36	
Petty cash	15.00	
Atlas Products Co., lamp	16.62	
Harry Sessions, electrical work	2.00	
Remington Rand, office supplies	54.14	603.46
Teachers' Expenses		
Conference Expenses		
Eleanor Fitzgerald	8.65	
Marion Shaw	4.50	
Sophia Pero	26.00	
Guy Harrington	21.50	
Angela LeGrand	3.00	
Clara Cook	9.50	
Postage and box rent	4.80	
Prentice Hall, Inc., book	8.01	
Mass. Secondary Sch. Prin. Assoc., dues	13.00	98.96
D. Donald Hazen, truant officer		23.01
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.		406.08
All Other		
W. E. Shaw, insurance on projector	6.50	
School Dept., petty cash account	30.00	

Athletic Insurance policy	210.00	
Slavin & Gordon, cleaning	1.25	
Florence Jackson, crepe paper, etc.	.80	
Sophia Pero, entrance fees on plays	15.00	
Nick-Con Sport Shop, baseball equipment	112.86	376.41
Salaries of Teachers and Substitutes		
Bernadette Bowler	2,823.95	
Helen Carlin	1,611.35	
Mildrd Carter	2,623.76	
Louise Dickinson	2,617.01	
Elwyn Doubleday	3,283.50	
Chester Eisold	3,058.40	
Eleanor Fitzgerald	2,923.85	
Alice Flaherty	2,823.85	
Donald Geer	2,641.04	
Guy Harrington	4,223.85	
Vera Harrington	3,023.86	
Nancy Hudson	1,689.20	
Madeleine Lambert	2,823.85	
Emma Loftus	2,473.83	
Angela LeGrand	2,664.14	
Irene Orlando	3,023.85	
Sophia Pero	3,023.85	
Ruth Reitzel	2,723.78	
Mildred Robbins	1,885.43	
Marion Shaw	2,880.35	
Nellie Shea	2,623.76	
Ronald Susee	1,624.00	
Ada Tague	3,123.76	
Frances Hodgen	270.00	
Rachel Shumway	260.00	
Ruth Fuller	165.00	
Blanche Austin	267.50	
Lucy Sullivan	136.00	
Barbara Harrington	60.00	
Elizabeth Huller	865.35	
Josephine Ingram	900.00	
Beverly Royce	865.35	
Mary Thornton	796.14	
Gerald Tremaine	900.00	

Sundry substitutes	90.00	67,789.56
Household Arts		
Florence Jackson	2,262.37	
Mary S. Pratt	290.00	
Ethel Collis	126.00	
Sundry substitutes	210.00	2,888.37
Richard Gabel, art		60.00
Clara Cook, music		1,575.68
Elwyn Doubleday, driver education		209.28
Rinehart Handwriting System		600.00
		$73,122.89
Fuel and Light		
F. P. Loftus	74.50	
Chadbourne's Petroleum Products	4,380.25	
Worcester County Electric Co.	478.70	4,933.45
Books and supplies, sundry persons		4,557.03
Repairs and Replacements		
Richo Products	127.88	
Albert Dudek, labor	18.71	
J. F. Kerns	69.49	
Harry Sessions, electrical work	44.50	
Squires' Garage	6.00	
Allen & Shumway	93.41	
Kimball & Hussey	54.00	
H. E. Kimball & Sons	67.91	
Paige Piper, cartage and mowing	46.50	
Brulin and Co., seal	18.00	
Ryther & Warren	166.51	
Acme Chemical Co.	103.05	
C. M. C. Laboratory	114.69	
Tremco Mfg. Co., sealer	32.93	
Spencer Turbine	31.20	
American Playground Device Co.	12.06	
Finnell System, brushes	8.49	
Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co.	115.56	
Cascade Paper Co.	21.17	
J. R. Gould	6.91	
Highland Paint Co.	20.70	
Pittsburgh Paint Co.	29.06	

William Aldrich, labor	38.00	
Forbes Snyder, Inc., new typewriters	165.51	
Raymond Gay, express	1.22	
T. V. Pratt	8.30	
Aubuchon Paint and Hardware Store	1.71	
Fay Ayers	31.40	
Arthur Condon	15.00	
Milton Bradley Co.	3.92	
Burroughs Adding Machine Co.	8.40	
Sibley & Sons	5.10	
Royal Typewriter Co., new typewriters	322.00	
Telechron	3.24	
Valley Cinema Co.	13.64	1,826.17
Janitors, Salaries and Expenses		
George Dewey	2,799.94	
William Kimball, Jr.	2,550.00	
Albert Dudek	705.00	
William Aldrich	260.00	
Robert Lindquist	47.50	6,362.44
Richo Products	229.58	
J. R. Gould	.91	
Edw. L. Carter Co.	87.50	
Acme Chemical Co.	14.82	
Arthur Condon	30.00	
Red Lion Products	17.64	
Quirk Paper Co.	58.20	
Al's Service Station	1.30	
Belchertown Pharmacy	.98	
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	7.90	
A. & G. Stores	3.77	452.60
New Equipment		
Forbes Snyder, file	51.80	
Aubuchon Hardware Store, drill	23.76	
Cascade Paper Co., desks	115.00	190.56
Water		
Belchertown Water District	193.78	
Bondsville Water Co.	32.00	225.78
Transportation		
Lafayette Ayers	2,470.00	
Lincoln Cook	2,550.00	
Raymond Gay	5,680.00	

Donald Hazen	2,300.00	
Everett Howard	2,450.00	
William Squires	2,360.00	
Ralph Trombly	258.00	
Special trips	115.00	18,183.00
Graduation Expenses		
W. M. Welch Mfg. Co., diplomas	46.16	
John L. Fitzpatrick, speaker	25.00	
E. G. Balfour, pro merito pins	7.57	
Lewis H. Blackmer, printing	19.75	98.48
Health		
Dr. James L. Collard, school physician	300.00	
Minnie Davis, school nurse	2,623.76	
Charlotte Ketchen, substitute nurse	10.00	
Minnie Davis, travel	300.00	
American Health Assn., dues	3.00	
Belchertown Pharmacy	22.78	
Lewis H. Blackmer, printing	4.55	
A. G. Market	10.00	2,274.09
Household Arts (exclusive of salaries)		
Chadbourne's Petroleum Products	224.90	
Worcester Co. Electric Co.	57.50	
Florence Jackson, supplies and conf.	26.20	
A. G. Market	188.99	
J. B. Lippincott	5.36	
McGraw-Hill Co.	52.95	
Harry Sessions	34.50	
Minnie Davis, pins	.85	
Jackson's Store	1.09	592.34
Total for Schools		$123,229.45
SCHOOLS—FROM OTHER FUNDS		
Smith-Hughes Fund		
Florence Jackson, salary	105.08	
Ethel Collis, salary	72.00	177.08
HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC FUND		
Sundry persons, referee fees	220.00	
Baker's Sports Center, nets	4.50	
Mac-Ben Sporting Goods Co., jackets	165.03	
Hiram F. Batty, "Kid Gore Award"	4.00	

Barry Reclaiming Co., cleaning uniforms	63.70	
William Kimball, Jr., janitor	14.00	
Nelson Hill, police	14.00	485.23
VOCATIONAL EDUCATION		
City of Springfield, tuition	1,172.44	
City of Holyoke, tuition	13.05	
Sunudry persons, transportation	431.57	1,617.06
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BUILDING		
Bernhard Dirks, architect	11,402.50	
Cascade Paper Co., desks and chairs	537.50	
Russell Snow, staking and flagging	66.00	
Morse & Morse, legal fees	55.00	12,061.00
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE FUND		
Russell Snow	501.00	
E. Clifton Witt	30.00	
First National Bank of Boston	1,400.00	1,931.00
LAWRENCE PARSONS FIELD		
Worcester County Electric Co.	13.00	
Labor, sundry persons	95.68	
Robert Lindquist, mowing	3.00	
Samuel Joyal	31.50	
Town equipment	25.00	
Donald Bock	6.00	
David Hodgen	23.39	
Donald Bock, repairs to mower	.85	
Allen & Shumway, repairs to bubbler	11.75	210.17
SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM		
Shirley Palermo, director	300.00	
Nancy Booth, assistant	49.98	
David Hodgen	43.98	
John Hubbard	6.00	
Bill Carroll, sport goods	27.55	
Magnus Brush & Craft, materials	35.71	
American Handicrafts	8.28	
Johnson's Bookstore	5.01	
Webster's Store	4.00	
A. G. Market	11.76	492.27
CLAPP MEMORIAL LIBRARY REPAIRS		
Belleau Metal Works, Inc.		3,235.00

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BUILDING—LAND		
Edward P. and Eleanor S. Bartlett	3,000.00	
Morse & Morse, fees	300.00	3,300.00
CLAPP MEMORIAL LIBRARY		
Worcester County Electric Co.	17.00	
Chadbourne's Petroleum Products	352.05	
Magazines and books, sundry persons	173.86	
Carlisle's, lamp shades	8.10	
J. J. Holcomb Mfg. Co., floor brushes	15.20	
Bell & Hudson, insurance	77.56	643.77
MEMORIAL DAY		
Orange Post, American Legion	100.00	
Belchertown Pharmacy	26.90	
Jackson's Store, flags	52.00	
Kelly the Florist, wreaths	12.00	190.90
INSURANCE		
Bell & Hudson	3,691.93	
Anna R. Gold	31.32	3,723.25
TOWN CLOCK		
Frank Scialla		128.00
TOWN PARKING LOT		
Labor payrolls, sundry persons	267.36	
Town equipment	174.75	
Hired trucks	477.85	
Mrs. Marion Baril	81.50	
D. D. Ruxton Co., gravel	12.75	
Koppers Co., Inc.	165.42	1,179.63
PUBLIC DUMP		
John Lizak, grading	36.00	
Robert Nutting, bulldozing	131.50	
Earl Fay, labor	11.92	179.42
COMMON		
Worcester County Electric Co.	18.70	
Samuel Joyal, mowing	47.25	
Robert Lindquist, mowing	8.25	
David Hodgen, mowing	29.25	
Donald Bock, mowing	9.75	
Aubuchon Paint & Hardware Co., rake	1.79	
Weidenmiller & MacGovern, cable	2.20	117.19

PHOTOSTATS OF VETERANS' DISCHARGES		
Lloyd Chadbourne		9.00
PLANNING BOARD EXPENSE		
M. O. Saunders, base map	500.00	
Lewis H. Blackmer	21.60	
Dan Waters Co., stencils	4.75	
Postage	14.80	
B. H. S., mimeographing	15.00	
J. J. Kempkes & Son, mounting maps	20.00	
Bruce Grover, telephone, postage, stationery	9.18	585.33
UNCLASSIFIED		
June S. Henneman, preparing town report copy	75.00	
Lewis H. Blackmer, printing 800 reports	474.70	549.70
CEMETERIES		
Charles F. Austin, labor and machine	519.10	
Lincoln Cook, labor	368.25	
Fred Dewey, labor	112.40	
Raymond Gay, plowing	3.00	
Leslie Henderson	12.00	
Ryther and Warren, fertilizer and seed	14.45	
Tilton and Johnston, loam	10.00	
Belchertown Water District	10.80	1,050.00
SOLDIERS' GRAVES		
Charles F. Austin, labor and machine	89.80	
Lincoln Cook, labor	143.11	
Ryther and Warren, seed and rakes	17.09	250.00
INTEREST		
First Nat'l Bank of Boston, sewer loan	1,025.00	
Palmer National Bank	120.00	1,145.00
MATURING DEBT		
Palmer National Bank, Road Mach. Loan	2,000.00	
First National Bank of Boston	2,000.00	4,000.00
AGENCY		
Withholding Tax		
Collector of Internal Revenue	6,021.51	
Federal Reserve Bank of Boston	7,256.16	13,277.67
Commonwealth of Massachusetts		
State Audit	361.02	

State Parks and Reservations	526.98	888.00
County of Hampshire		
County Tax	9,832.18	
Dog Licenses	937.60	10,769.78
Dog Officer Fees		
Wallace Chevalier	130.00	
Robert White	49.50	179.50
		$25,114.95
TRUST		
Hampshire County Retirement System	1,047.45	
Retirement Payments, town approp.	381.12	1,428.57
Washington National Insurance Co., health insurance	643.11	
Mass. Medical Service	950.25	1,593.36
Cemetery Perpetual Care		
Labor, sundry persons	381.59	
Calvin Bridgman Library Fund, income	118.00	
Susan Bridgman Fund, income to Library	50.00	3,621.52
INVESTMENTS		
Amherst Savings Bank		
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds		282.24
Investment School Loans		636,997.60
REFUNDS AND TRANSFERS		
Clapp Memorial Library, dog licenses	736.94	
Real Estate refunds, 1951	11.70	
Real Estate refunds, 1952	269.31	
Poll tax refund, 1952	2.00	
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax refunds, 1951	100.04	
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax refunds, 1952	679.01	1,799.00
1951 UNPAID ACCOUNTS		
Sundry persons, as per list in town warrant of 1952		480.53
Total expenditures for the year ending Dec. 31, 1952		$986,159.23
Cash in treasury Dec. 31, 1952		242,469.15
		$1,228,628.38

I hereby certify the foregoing information to be complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

June S. Henneman

Town Warrant

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
FEBRUARY 2 AND 9, 1953

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

HAMPSHIRE, SS.

To any of the constables of the Town of Belchertown, in said County, GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn all the inhabitants of the Town of Belchertown, qualified to vote in elections of town officers, to meet at the several polling places in said Belchertown, designated by the Selectmen, to wit:

IN PRECINCT A, at Lawrence Memorial Hall in Jabish Street.

IN PRECINCT B, at the Franklin School Building in Franklin Street in South Belchertown, on Monday, the second day of February, A. D. 1953, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to give in their votes on one ballot to precinct officers of the several polling precincts of said Town for the following officers, to wit: a Moderator, a Town Clerk, a Treasurer, three Selectmen, five Constables, a Tree Warden, each for one year; one School Committee member for three years, one Assessor for three years, two Sewer Commissioners, one for two years, one for three years; one Planning Board member for five years, one Cemetery Commissioner for three years.

The polls will be open at nine o'clock in the forenoon and closed at seven o'clock p. m.

And you are further hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Belchertown qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Lawrence Memorial Hall in said Belchertown, on Monday, the ninth day of February A. D. 1953, at 7.30 o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles, viz:

Art. 1. To choose the following named officers by nomination: two Almoners of the Whiting Street and the Mrs. Susan

M. D. Bridgman Funds, each for one year; one trustee of the Calvin Bridgman Fund for three years.

Art. 2. To hear the reports of the officers of the town and of any committees that may have been appointed by the town and act thereon.

Art. 3. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as shall be deemed necessary to defray the expenses listed in the Finance Committee report for the current financial year and act thereon.

Art. 4. To see if the town will vote to give to Clapp Memorial Library the balance of the dog license fund after damages are paid, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 5. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 81 Highways, or take any action in relation thereto.

Art. 6. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a a sum of money for Chapter 90 Highway Construction, on Chauncey D. Walker Street, Route 21, on the canal curve, or take any action in relation thereto.

Art. 7. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 90 Highway Maintenance, or take any action in relation thereto.

Art. 8. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from the Road Machinery Earnings Account the sum of $5,000.00 to the Road Machinery Expense Account, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 9. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from the Road Machinery Earnings Account the sum of $2,000.00 to pay a note issued in 1949, for the purchase of road machinery, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 10. To see if the town will authorize the payment of $130.00 for the salaries of the School Committee for the year ensuing, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 11. To see if the town will vote to allow the Cemetery

Commissioners to appoint themselves to work in the cemeteries at a rate not to exceed 90 cents per hour for the year 1953, as provided for in the General Laws, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 12. To see if the town will vote to authorize the payment of $200 for salaries of the Sewer Commissioners for the year ensuing, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 13. To see if the town will vote to allow the Sewer Commissioners to appoint themselves to work on the town sewer system at a rate not to exceed $1.50 per hour for the year 1953, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 14. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of revenue of the municipal year beginning January 1, 1953, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 15. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from the Insurance Reserve Account the sum of $565.00 to the Insurance Account, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 16. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums for bills incurred in 1952:

Ernest M. Gay, Police	$34.29
Belchertown Sentinel, Police	.77
Lewis H. Blackmer, Assessors	8.75
Sewer Commissioners, Salaries	150.00
D. Donald Hazen, Sewers	6.41
Tighe & Bond, Sewers	40.50
Sundry Persons, Vocational Education	71.07
Kelly The Florist, Armistice Day	47.50

or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 17. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the War Memorial Fund, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 18. To see if the town will vote to rescind any previous action taken under Section 1 of Chapter 41, of the General Laws relative to the length of term of office of the Selectmen, or take any other action relative thereto.

Art. 19. To see if the town will vote to establish the length of term of office for the Selectmen as three years, provided that at the annual town elections for 1954, one Selectman shall be elected for three years, one for two years, one for one year, and in each succeeding year, one Selectman shall be elected for a term of three years; or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 20. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell or trade a 1948, 1½ ton Ford dump truck, and to use the proceeds toward the purchase of a new truck, and further that a sum of money from the Road Machinery Earnings Account be made available to pay any balance on such purchase, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 21. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to purchase a mower attachment for the shovel loader, and further that a sum of money be appropriated from the Road Machinery Earnings Account to purchase same; or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 22. To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to purchase on behalf of the town, the Boron property, located between East Walnut and Cottage Streets, to the rear of the Fire Station, at a price not to exceed $3,000.00, and to raise and appropriate the necessary funds for the acquiring of the same, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 23. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the repair of parapets and stone coping of Memorial Hall, or act otherwise thereon.

Art. 24. To see if the town will vote to accept the public parking area, as constructed on the South end of the Common, and to discharge the Committee in charge, with a vote of thanks, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 25. To see if the town will adopt the proposed By-Laws for the control of traffic in the town parking area at the south end of the common and on Park Street, or act otherwise thereon.

Proposed Town By-Laws for the Control of Traffic in the Town Parking Area at the South End of the Common ,and on Park Street

Section 1. The entrance to and exit from the town parking area as now established on the southerly end of the common, shall be at locations to be established by order of the Board of Selectmen after a public hearing, and they shall be clearly designated by signs.

Section 2. It shall be unlawful for any person to drive a motor vehicle into or out of said parking area by any route or way other than the entrance or exit established and designated by order of the Selectmen.

Section 3. The operator of a motor vehicle about to enter said parking area shall proceed at a speed that is reasonable under the circumstances, but in no event at more than eight (8) miles per hour.

Section 4. The operator of a motor vehicle about to leave said parking area shall stop his vehicle before passing through the exit into the public highway, unless otherwise ordered by a police officer.

Section 5. The operator of a motor vehicle within the parking area shall proceed at a speed that is reasonable under the circumstances, but in no event over eight (8) miles per hour.

Section 6. The operator of a motor vehicle within the parking area shall park his vehicle in one of the several spaces designated on the ground and/or indicated by signs to be posted by order of the Selectmen.

Section 7. The Board of Selectmen are authorized and empowered to close said parking area, or any part thereof, to public use, if such action is deemed necessary or expedient in the making of repairs or improvements thereon.

Section 8. It shall be unlawful for any person to throw, deposit or leave any waste, rubbish or other similar materials within said parking area, or on any public way, or common, adjacent thereto.

Section 9. Vehicles shall be parked along the easterly side of Park Street parallel to the easterly line of said Street, and in no other manner, except that no parking of any kind shall be permitted in areas opposite the entrance or exit to said parking area, and said prohibited area shall be clearly designated and posted by order of the Board of Selectmen.

Section 10. No person shall park a motor vehicle on the easterly side of Park Street from Gould's Service Station to St. Francis Rectory driveway, for more than one hour on any one occasion during the day from 7.00 A. M. until 6 P. M.

Section 11. Parking of vehicles is hereby prohibited along the westerly side of Park Street.

Section 12. Violations of any of the provisions of the foregoing Sections 1 through 11, inclusive, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding Ten ($10) Dollars for each offense, to be recovered as provided in Section 21 of Chapter 40 of the General Laws.

Art. 26. To see if the town will accept the report of the Town Planning Board relative to proposed town zoning by-law.

Art. 27. To see if the town will adopt, reject or amend and adopt the following proposed by-laws:

PROPOSED
ZONING BY-LAW OF THE TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN, MASS.

SECTION 1. PURPOSE

The purposes of this By-law are to promote the general welfare of the Town of Belchertown, to protect the health of its inhabitants, to encourage the most appropriate use of land within the town, to increase the amenities of the town, and to provide an adequate supply of light and air and reduce the hazard from fire by regulating the location, use, and height of buildings and the area of open spaces about them.

For the purposes of this By-law, the Town of Belchertown, under the authority granted by General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, Chapter Forty, Sections Twenty-five to Thirty B inclusive, does hereby make this By-law to be hereafter known and designated as the Zoning By-law of the Town of Belchertown.

SECTION 2. GENERAL PROVISIONS

A. Use of Buildings, Structures and Land

For the purposes of this By-Law, any lawful building or structure or use of a building, structure, or land or part thereof may be constructed, altered, enlarged and used for any purpose which is not injurious, noxious, offensive or detrimental to a neighborhood. and does not violate any section of this By-law, or any of the provisions of the Town of Belchertown in regard to health and safety to its inhabitants.

B. Existing Uses not Affected

This By-law shall not apply to existing buildings or structures, nor to the existing use of any building or structure, or of land to the extent of that use at the time of the adoption of this By-Law.

C. Non-Conforming Uses Can Continue

A non-conforming use is the use of any building or land lawfully occupied at the time of the adoption of this By-law, which does not conform to the requirements of the district in which it is located.

Any building, part of a building, or land, which at the time of the adoption of this By-law is being put to a non-conforming use may be:

(a) Continued in that use or a similar use, provided such use has not been voluntarily discontinued for a period of one year; such use to be continued again only after permit by Board of Appeals.

(b) Altered or enlarged in that use up to one hundred per cent (100), but only after the granting of a permit therefor ordered by the Board of Appeals, after public hearing.

(c) Changed to a more restricted use, provided that when changed it shall not be returned to a less restricted use.

(d) Rebuilt or restored at the same location and again used as previously, in the case of a building destroyed or damaged by fire, explosion or other catastrophe. Such rebuilding or restoring shall be commenced within six (6) months after such catastrophe; and the buiding as restored shall not exceed in volume or area the original non-conforming structure

D. Uses Permitted in Less Restricted Districts

A use of buildings, structures and land permitted in any district is also permitted in any less restricted district.

SECTION 3. ESTABLISHMENT OF DISTRICTS

For the purpose of this Zoning By-Law, the town of Belchertown is hereby divided into four (4) classes of districts, as follows:

1. General Residence Districts
2. Agricultural Districts
3. Business Districts
4. Industrial Districts

The boundaries of each of the said districts are hereby established as shown, defined and bounded on a map entitled "Building Zone Map, Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts, Belchertown Planning Board, M. O. Saunders, Consultant. Scale: 1 in.—600 ft." This map and all explanatory matter thereon are hereby made a part of the By-Law.

SECTION 3A. DISTRICT BOUNDARIES

The location of the boundary lines of the districts shown upon the Building Zone Map shall be determined as follows:

1. Where the boundary lines are shown approximately on the location of property or lot lines, and the exact location of property, lot or boundary lines is not indicated by means of figures, then the property or lot lines shall be the boundary lines.

2. Boundary lines located outside of street lines and shown approximately parallel thereto shall be regarded as parallel to such street lines; and figures placed upon said map between such boundary lines and street lines are the distances in feet of such boundary lines from such street lines, such distances being measured at right angles to such street lines unless otherwise indicated.

3. In all cases which are not covered by the other provisions of this Section, the location of boundary lines shall be determined by the distance in feet, if given, from other lines upon said map, by the use of identifications as shown on the map, or if none are given, then by the scale of said map.

SECTION 4. DEFINITIONS

In this By-Law the following terms shall have the meaning here assigned to them:

1. The singular number includes the plural, and the plural the singular; the word "lot" includes "plot"; the word "building" includes "structure"; the word "occupied" includes "designed, arranged or intended to be occupied"; and the word "uses" includes "designed, arranged or intended to be used".

ACCESSORY USES. The use of a building or premises for a purpose customarily incidental to the main or principal use permitted in the district.

DWELLING. A house or building or portion thereof which is occupied by one or more families doing their cooking on the premises.

FAMILY. A person or group of persons of immediate kindred who live together as a single housekeeping unit under one head.

FRONTYARD. The space across the full width of the lot and extending from the front line of the buildiing located on such lot to the street line of such lot. (See "Setback")

FRONTAGE. The front part of a building or lot abutting on a public or private way.

LOT. A parcel of land on which a principal building and its accessories are placed, together with the required open spaces.

LOT LINE. A division line between adjoining properties or a division line between individual lots establishd by a plan filed in the Registry of Deeds or Land Court.

OFFICE. A place for the transaction of a professional service or business, not including the sale of articles at retail.

REAR YARD. The space across the full width of a lot and extending from the rear foundation line of the building located on such lot to the rear line of such lot.

SETBACK. The minimum required unoccupied space or area between the street line on which the building is numbered or would be numbered, and the part of the building nearest such street line, such unoccupied space or area extending the entire width or distance across the lot. (See "Front Yard")

STREET LINE. The dividing line between a street and a lot and in a case of a public way, the street line established by the public authority laying out said way upon which the lot abuts.

SIDE YARD. The space extending from the front yard to the rear yard between a building and the adjacent side line of the lot on which said building is located.

TRAILER. "Trailer" shall mean any so-called automobile trailer, trailer coach, including any portable structure, means of conveyance, or vehicle so designed, constructed or altered or converted in any manner so as to premit occupancy thereof for dwelling or sleeping purposes.

TRAILER CAMP OR PARK. "Trailer Camp or Park" shall mean any lot, parcel or tract of land upon which two or more trailers, occupied for dwelling or sleeping puposes, are located, regardless of whether or not a change is made for such accommodation.

SECTION 5. GENERAL RESIDENCE DISTRICTS

A. Permitted Uses

In those portions of the town so indicated on the accompanying Building Zone Map as General Residence Districts, only the following uses shall be permitted:

1. Single and two-family dwellings.
2. Churches and other places of worship, parish houses and Sunday School buildings.
3. Public schools, public libraries and museums; private schools for scholastic subjects only, including nursery schools.
4. The renting of rooms, or the furnishing of table board in a dwelling occupied as a private residence.
5. Membership clubs, excluding the sale of alcoholic beverages; Boys' and Girls' Clubs, lodges, social centers.
6. Municipal parks, playgrounds, and recreational and community center buildings and grounds for games and sports.
7. The office of a lawyer, artist, physician, surgeon or dentist, provided there are no hospital facilities in connection therewith; private offices when situated in the same dwelling used by the person as his private residence and not more than two persons shall be regularly engaged in the activity. Such offices shall not alter the appearance and character of the residence and no major structural change shall be made in the exterior.
8. Customary home occupations, such as dressmaking and millinery, when situated in the same building used as a private residence

by the persons engaged in the same activity, and providing the exterior appearance of the structure is not altered.

9. Buildings used exclusively for governmental purposes, either Town, County, State, or Federal.

10. Public Utility buildings, provided there is no service yard or garage.

11. Greenhouses or farms for the raising of agricultural and dairy products, not including beef cattle, hog, goat, or fur farms for meat eating fur bearers, may be conducted, provided that there shall be no exterior display of products and provided that any heating plant for any above purpose is located at least twenty (20) feet from any lot line.

12. Real estate signs of not over six (6) square feet in area advertising the sale or rental only of the premises on which they are located, professional announcement signs, farm produce signs, lodging, boarding and tourist signs may be used, provided no display sign or other advertising device shall be visible from the street except a non-flashing sign having an area of not more than four (4) square feet, and the number of signs is limited to one (1) for each family so engaged.

13. The keeping of poultry and livestock as accessory uses on farms raising agricultural products and dairy products are permitted anywhere in the Town of Belchertown. On land used other than for farms raising agricultural or dairy products, the keeping of a small flock of poultry, and the keeping of saddle or riding horses and other farm animals, for use of the occupants only, may be considered as accessory uses and as such may be kept in an enclosure or building seventy-five (75) or more feet from any street line, and fifty (50) or more feet from any dwelling other than the dwelling to which they are accessory.

14. Accessory uses customarily incident to any use permitted herein, provided that such accessory use shall not include any activity conducted for gain. A private garage for not more than four (4) automobiles shall be considered as an accessory use, and if detached, may be located only in side or rear yard. Only one such vehicle may be a commercial vehicle, and of not more than four (4) tons rated capacity.

15. A permit for an individual house trailer for use as a residence or sleeping quarters on any lot occupied by a principal dwelling in the Town of Belchertown may be granted for a period not exceeding thirty (30) days in any one calendar year. Not more than one such house trailer is to be kept on such premises. Trailer camps or parks or extensions of existing trailer camps or parks and motels, so-called, are prohibited.

B. Minimum Requirements for Lot Frontage and Area. Open Spaces Adjacent to Buildings and Building Height.

In General Residence Districts the following minimum provisions shall be required:

Lot Frontage	100 feet
Lot Area	9,500 square feet
Front Yard	Twenty-five (25) feet
Side Yard	Twelve and one-half (12 1-2) feet
Rear Yard	Twenty-five (25) feet

Height of Buildings ....A residence building shall not exceed two and one-half (2 1-2) stories, or thirty (30) feet in height

Area of Buildings ....A residence building shall have a ground floor area of not less than five hundred (500) square feet

SECTION 6. AGRICULTURAL DISTRICTS

A. Permitted Uses

In those portions of the town so indicated on the accompanying Building Zone Map as Agricultural Districts, only the following uses shall be permitted:

1. Any use permitted in a General Residence District.
2. Farms i,ncluding poultry and livestock farms, except that the number of pigs shall be limited to a herd of twenty-five (25); also natural ice harvest activities.
3. Saddle horse or riding stable, and golf course.
4. Trading in farm animals and tobacco or other farm products.
5. Forests, wood lots, portable wood-working mills and machinery.
6. In Agricultural Districts the removal for sale of sod, loam, clay, sand, gravel or quarried stone, except when incidental to and in connection with the construction of a structure for which a permit has been issued, or incidental to the grading and development of contiguous property, shall be permitted only if written permission of the Board of Appeals after public hearing be obtained, and under such conditions as the Board of Appeals may impose and make a part of the permit. The Board of Appeals shall in each instance impose such conditions as will protect the neighborhood and town against permanent and temporary hazards because of conditions which may be left after operations are completed, or because of the methods of handling such materials at the site, or of transporting such materials through the town.
7. Accessory uses customarily incident to any use permitted herein, provided that such accessory use shall not include any activity conducted for gain, except that the business or shop of a painter, carpenter, plumber, or electrician, conducted in a dwelling or accessory building and only by the occupants of the principal building, provided that it does not change the nature of the district, and no manufacturing, altering, finishing or assembling is done on the premises. Private structures for the storage of automobiles or farm machinery shall be considerd as an accessory use, and may be located only in the side or rear yard.
8. Fur farms, if the building and runs are located at least one thousand (1,000)) feet from any property line.
9. Buildings or shelters for the sale of farm products, provided that a major portion of such products are raised on the premises, and no advertising of products other than those raised on the premises shall be displayed. Such buildings or shelters shall be located at least fifteen (15) feet back from the street line, but in no case need the setback be greater than that of the principal building on the premises.
10. Tourist homes with accommodations for not more than twenty (20) guests.
11. Cemeteries.

B. Minimum Requirements for Lot Frontage and Area for Building Lots.. Open Spaces Adjacent to Buildings, Building Height and Area.

In Agricultural Districts the following minimum provisions shall be required:

Lot Frontage	100 feet
Lot Area	15,000 square feet
Front Yard	Twenty-five (25) feet
Side Yard	Twenty (20) feet
Rear Yard	Twenty-five (25) feet
Height of Buildings	A residence building shall not exceed two and one-half (2 1-2) stories, or thirty (30) feet in height
Area of Buildings	A residence building shall have a ground floor area of not less than five hundred (500) square feet

SECTION 7. BUSINESS DISTRICTS

A. Permitted Uses

In those portions of the town so indicated on the accompanying Building Zone Map as Business Districts, only the following uses shall be permitted:

1. Any use permitted in a General or Agricultural District.

2. A building or structure, the major use of which shall be the conduct of wholesale or retail business or the rendering of personal services.

No building, structure or land shall be used in whole or in any part for any fabricating, manufacturing, converting, altering, finishing or assembling, except as may be reasonably necessary, in the uses to which such buildings, structures or land are permitted as above specified.

3. Public garages for storage or repair of cars.

4. A gasoline filling station, provided that not more than fifteen thousand (15,000) gallons of gasoline shall be stored on the premises. An enclosed lubritorium for two (2) motor vehicles only shall be permitted. Repairing of motor vehicles out of doors is prohibited, except on an emergency basis only.

5. Open air parking.

B. Heights

A business building shall not exceed three (3) stories or forty (40) feet in height. These provisions shall not apply to chimneys, flag or radio poles, water tanks or hose towers, nor to required bulkheads or elevator penthouses. A residence building shall comply with the height requirements for Residence Districts.

C. Setbacks, Side Yards and Rear Yards

Setbacks, side yards, and rear yards shall not be required for a business building, except a rear yard and side yard setback of at least eight (8) feet shall be required when said property abuts a residence zone area, but facilities shall be provided for loading and unloading all materials, equipment and merchandise on the premises and entirely off the traveled way. For a building devoted in whole or in part to residence purposes, the requirements for setbacks, side yards and rear yards prescribed for Residence Districts shall apply.

D. Lot Coverage

No business building shall be erected or altered so as to cover more than seventy-five (75) percent of the area of the lot on which it is located. A building, devoted in whole or in part to residence purposes, shall comply with the requirements of lot coverage in Residence Districts.

E. Building Area

A building devoted in whole or in part to residence purposes shall have a ground floor area of not less than five hundred (500) square feet.

SECTION 8. INDUSTRIAL DISTRICTS

A. Permitted Uses

In any Industrial District, as indicated on the Building Zone Map, no building or other structure shall be erected, altered or used, and no land shall be used or occupied for any purpose except one of the following:

1. For residence purposes, provided that the land so located in an Industrial District is part of a sub-division plan or was a lot that was duly recorded prior to the enactment of this By-Law.

2. Any business or agricultural use permitted in a Residential or Business District.

3. Any industrial purpose, except those contained in the following list, unless approved by the Board of Appeals after hearing.

Acetylene gas, cyanide compound or oxygen manufacture
Asphalt manufacture or refining
Chlorine or Bleaching Powder manufacture
Creosote manufacture
Distillation of coal or wood
Drop Forge Shop
Explosives, fireworks or ammunition manufacture
Fertilizer manufacture
Fumigation plants
Glue or size manufacture from fish or animal offal
Gypsum, cement, plaster or plaster of Paris manufacture
Incineration or reduction of or dumping of offal, garbage or refuse on a commercial basis (except where controlled by the Town)
Junk yard, junk storage, scrapping of autos and parts and the salvage thereof
Linoleum manufacture
Match manufacture
Paint and Lacquer manufacture
Petroleum refining and the bulk storage of petroleum products
Pyrolin plastic manufacture
Rubber, natural or synthetic, or gutta-percha manufactured from crude or scrap material
Sewage Disposal plant (except where controlled by Town)
Soap, tallow, grease or lard manufacture
Slaughterhouse
Sulphurous, sulphuric, nitric or hydrochloric acid manufacture
Tannery

Tar or asphalt roof manufacture
Tar products manufacture
Tire recapping or retreading
All other enterprises or uses commonly regarded as hazardous or offensive

B. Heights

Business buildings shall not exceed five (5) stories nor sixty (60) feet in height. These provisions shall not apply to chimneys, smokestacks, aerators, flag or radio poles, elevator penthouses, gas holders, water tanks, grain elevators, required bulkheads, or other equipment appurtenant to industrial buildings. Buildings devoted in whole or in part to residence purposes shall comply with the height provisions of Residence Districts.

C. Setbacks, Side Yards and Rear Yards

An industrial building shall set back at least ten (10) feet from any street line. No side yards or rear yards shall be required for a business or industrial building, but facilities shall be provided for loading and unloading all materials, equipment and merchandise on the premises and entirely off the traveled way. A building devoted in whole or in part to residence purposes shall comply with the setback, side yard and rear yard provisions in Residence Districts.

D. Lot Coverage

No business or industrial building shall be erected or altered so as to cover more than seventy-five (75) percent of the area of the lot on which it is located. Buildings devoted in whole or in part to residence purposes shall comply with the lot coverage provisions of Residence Districts.

E. Building Area

A building devoted in whole or in part to residence purposes shall have a ground floor of not less than five hundred (500) square feet.

SECTION 9. SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS

1. Use of Buildings, Structures and Land

A. Accessory Buildings

(1) An accessory building attached to its principal building shall be considered an integral part of the principal building and as such shall be subject to the open space requirements applicable to the principal building.

(2) No accessory building may be used for dwelling purposes.

2. Area of Lots

A. Reduction of Open Space

No lot on which is located any building used for residence purposes in any district shall be changed or reduced in area or shape so it does not conform to the provisions of this By-Law. This does not apply in the case of a lot a portion of which is taken for public use. No yard, lot area, or other open space required for a building by this By-Law, shall during the existence of such building be occupied by or counted as open space for another building.

B. Lots of Less than the Required Width or Area

On lots of less than the required width and area for the district in which they are located and which have been duly recorded by plan or deed or assessed as separate parcels before the date of the adoption of this ByLaw, the lot area and width requirements need not apply, except that the buildable width of such lots shall not be reduced to less than 80 percent of the actual width of such lots. Any lot on which more than one (1) house existed at that time, may be divided and sold to separate owners.

3. Open Space Adjacent to Buildings

A. Front Yards

(1) Buildings or structures need be located only as far back from the street as the average of the front yard depths of the buildings or structures nearest on either side and within two hundred (200) feet, or within the same block and district, whichever is the lesser distance.

(2) On ways where the location of the street line is not known, for the purpose of measuring the required front yard or setback distance, add twenty-five (25) feet to such required distance, and commence such measurements from the center of the traveled way.

B. Side Yards

In any General Residence District or Agricultural District, the buildings or structures on lots having a frontage on two streets may be located as near to the streets as the minimum front yard depths on both the streets, except that the buildable width of such lot need not be reduced to less than twenty-six (26) feet. No accessory building on a corner lot need be placed further from the street line than the front yard depth provisions for the district. No building or structure or accessory use may be located within ten (10) feet of a side lot line.

C. Rear Yards

Accessory buildings may not be located within five (5) feet of a rear lot line.

D. Projections

Nothing in this By-Law shall prevent the projection of steps, eaves, cornices, window sills, or belt courses into any required yard.

4. Height Provisions

A. Exceptions

The height provisions of this By-Law shall not apply to such structures as schools, libraries, municipal buildings, hospitals, churches, belfries, chimneys, flag or radio poles, windmills, silos, barns, tobacco sheds, elevator enclosures, water tanks, scenery lofts, bulkheads, and similar structures not used for residence purposes.

B. Accessory Building Height

An accessory building not covered by paragraph A above, may be built to at least fifteen (15) feet in height above the ground level, but shall not exceed in height one and one-quarter times its least dimension.

SECTION 10. ENFORCEMENT

This By-Law and any amendments thereto, shall be enforced by the Board of Selectmen. The Board shall issue no permit for the erection or alteration of any building or part thereof, plans and specifications and intended use of which are not in all respects in conformity with the provisions of this By-Law. With each application for a permit to build or alter there shall be filed a plan showing the lot and the location of the building thereon.

SECTION 11. BOARD OF APPEALS

Within thirty (30) days after the adoption of the By-Law, the Board of Selectmen shall appoint a Board of Appeals, of three members and two associate members, which shall act on all matters within its jurisdiction under this By-Law in the manner prescribed in Chapter Forty (40) of the General Laws, and shall serve without remuneration. This Board of Appeals shall be appointed according to methods described in said Chapter Forty (40) of the General Laws, as amended, and subject always to the rule that it shall give due consideration to promoting the public health, safety, convenience and welfare, encouraging the most appropriate use of land, and that it shall permit no building or use injurious, noxious, offensive or detrimental to a neighborhood, and that it shall prescribe appropriate conditions and safeguards in each case.

SECTION 12. REPETITIVE PETITIONS.—BEFORE BOARD OF APPEALS

No appeal or petition under Paragraph Three (3) Section Thirty (30), Chapter Forty (40) of the General Laws as amended, for a variance from the terms of this By-Law with respect to a particular parcel of land, and no application under Section Thirty (30) for a special exception to the terms of this By-Law, which has been unfavorably acted upon by the Board of Appeals, shall be considered on its merits by said Board within two (2) years after the date of such unfavorable action, except with the consent of all members of the Planning Board.

SECTION 13. REPETITIVE PETITIONS—BEFORE TOWN MEETING

No proposed By-Law or amendment making a change in this zoning By-Law which has been unfavorably acted upon by the Town Meeting, shall be considered on its merits by the Town Meeting within two (2) years after the date of such unfavorable action, unless adoption of such proposed By-Law or amendment is recommended by Section Twenty-seven (27), Chapter Forty (40), of the General Laws, as amended.

SECTION 14. CHANGES IN THE ZONING BY-LAW AND BUILDING ZONE MAP

No amendment to this By-Law, and no district line or district as indicated on the Building Zone Map, which is a part of this By-Law, shall be changed until after the Planning Board has held a public hearing thereon after due notice given, and has submitted a final report with recommendations to the Town Meeting.

SECTION 15. REPEAL

All By-Laws or parts of By-Laws heretofore passed, inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed.

SECTION 16. VALIDITY

The invalidity of any section or provision of the By-Law shall not invalidate any other section or provision thereof.

SECTION 17. EFFECTIVE DATE

This By-Law shall take effect upon its approval by the Attorney General, and its publication and posting as required by Section Thirty-two (32) of Chapter Forty (40) of the General Laws.

Art. 28. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of $480.00 for the purchase of Sewer Cleaning Equipment, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 29. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purchase of a pumping engine and the necessary equipment therefor, for the Fire Department, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 30. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow a sum of money not to exceed $10,000.00, and to issue a note or notes of the town therefor, payable in not more than five years from date of issue; this debt to be incurred for the purchase of a pumping engine and the necessary equipment therefor, for the Fire Department, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 31. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the income earned from the proceeds of the loan invested under authority of Section 55, Chapter 44, of the General Laws, for the payment of interest on the 1953 maturing debt, or act otherwise thereon.

Art. 32. To see if the town will vote to appropriate an amount as recommended by the Finance Committee from Surplus Revenue to be used by the Assessors in establishing the tax rate for 1953, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 33. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to rent the Common for concessions at the annual fair on October twelfth, beginning in 1953, and to use the profits thus derived to pay at least two Police officers a yearly salary; or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 34. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one on the Town Hall, one at Lawrence Memorial Hall, one at Union School at Dwight, and one at Keyes' Hotel seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at or before the time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this twenty-second day of January, A. D. 1953.

ISAAC A. HODGEN
FRANCIS M. AUSTIN
Selectmen of Belchertown

Report of Finance Committee

Account	Appropriations 1952	Recommended 1953		
Selectmen	$625.00	Ch. of Select.	$175.00	
		Clerk	125.00	
		Other Mem.	125.00	
		Expenses	200 00	
Town Accountant	525.00	Salary	500.00	
		Expenses	25.00	
Treasurer	1,015.00	Salary	725.00	
		Expenses	290.00	
Tax Collector	1,275.00	Salary	700.00	Plus fees
		Expenses	575.00	
Assessors	1,200.00	Salary, Ch.	300.00	
		Other Mem.	200.00	
		Other Mem.	200.00	
		Expenses	500.00	
Town Clerk	550.00	Salary	300.00	Plus fees
		Expenses	250.00	
Election and Registration	1,050.00		650.00	
Certification of Notes	20.00		20.00	
Law	200.00		200.00	
Town Hall	300.00		300.00	
Lawrence Memorial Hall	400.00		400.00	
American Legion Hdqtrs.	350.00		350.00	
Police	1,700.00		1,700.00	
Fire Department	2,600.00		2,300.00	
Forest Fires	1,500.00		1,500.00	
Hydrant Service	1,500.00		1,500.00	
Moth Suppression	600.00		600.00	
Dutch Elm Disease	1,000.00		1,000.00	
Tree Warden	600.00		800.00	
Sealer Weights & Measures	100.00		100.00	
Inspector of Wires	100.00		150.00	as salary
Health	1,200.00		800.00	
Sewers—Maintenance	2,500.00		2,800.00	
Highways—Snow	1,500.00		2,500.00	
Highways—Streets	100.00		100.00	
Highways—Sidewalks	100.00		100.00	
Highways—Bridges	1,000.00		1,000.00	
Street Lights	2,059.00		2,020.00	

Account	Appropriations 1952	Recommended 1953
Public Welfare	1,500.00	2,500.00
Public Welfare—Salaries	425.00	(Included in above amount)
		Ch. Pub. Wel. 175.00
		Other Mem. 125.00
		Other Mem. 125.00
Veterans' Aid	500.00	500.00
Old Age Assistance	42,500.00	42,500.00
Aid to Dependent Children	1,100.00	1,100.00
Disability Assistance	3,000.00	2,500.00
Schools	123,230.00	129,863.00
Vocational Education	1,000.00	1,500.00
Parsons Recreation Field	300.00	300.00
Clapp Memorial Library	700.00	700.00
Cemeteries	1,050.00	1,050.00
Soldiers' Graves	250.00	250.00
Unclassified	600.00	600.00
Reserve Fund	3,500.00	3,500.00 Overlay Res.
Memorial Day	200.00	200.00
Armistice Day	60.00	60.00
Honor Roll	20.00	20.00 ✓
Insurance	4,150.00	3,500.00
Interest	1,145.00	8,370.00
Town Clock	130.00	100.00
Public Dump	100.00	100.00
Common	150.00	150.00
Photostats of Discharges	25.00	25.00
Summer Recreation Program	500.00	500.00
Civil Defense	1,500.00	1,900.00
Retirement Payments	381.12	741.51
Maturing Debt	2,000.00	24,000.00

Art. 6—$1,500.00. Art. 7—$1,000.00. Art. 17—$500.00. Art. 20—$2,500.00. Art. 21—$650.00. Art. 22—$3,000.00. Art. 23—$1,000.00. Art. 29—$16,000.00

HUDSON HOLLAND
SIDNEY W. WHEELER
RALPH W. TROMBLY
AUBREY D. LAPOLICE
ELLIOTT S. CORDNER
Finance Committee

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TOWN *of* BELCHERTOWN

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31

1953

Please Bring This Report to Town Meeting

Town Officers, 1953

MODERATOR

Lewis H. Blackmer	Term expires February 1954

TOWN CLERK AND TREASURER

William E. Shaw	Term expires February 1954

COLLECTOR OF TAXES AND TOWN COLLECTOR

William E. Shaw	Term expires February 1955

SELECTMEN, BOARD OF HEALTH AND BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

Robert D. Camp, Sr.	Term expires February 1954
John W. Avery	Term expires February 1954
Charles F. Austin	Term expires February 1954

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

E. Clifton Witt	Term expires February 1954
Fanny G. Morey	Term expires February 1955
Walter Paige Piper	Term expires February 1956

PLANNING BOARD

Roy H. King	Term expires February 1958
Robert J. Braden	Term expires February 1957
Byron A. Hudson	Term expires February 1956
Everett A. Geer	Term expires February 1955
Frederick D. Farley	Term expires February 1954

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

Charles F. Austin	Term expires February 1956
Lincoln A. Cook	Term expires February 1955
Fred F. Dewey	Term expires February 1954

ASSESSORS

Donald E. Kenyon	Term expires February 1956
George E. Booth	Term expires February 1955
William F. Kimball, Jr.	Term expires February 1954

SEWER COMMISSIONERS

D. Donald Hazen	Term expires February 1956
Ella A. Stebbins	Term expires February 1955
Milton C. Baggs	Term expires February 1954

TREE WARDEN

Edward B. Conkey	Term expires February 1954

CONSTABLES

Wallace F. Chevalier	Term expires 1954
Ernest M. Gay	Term expires 1954
Nelson J. Hill	Term expires 1954
Earle A. Rhodes	Term expires 1954
Andrew T. Sears	Term expires 1954

ALMONERS OF WHITING STREET AND MRS. SUSAN M. D. BRIDGMAN FUNDS

Mrs. Amy B. Witt	Term expires 1954
Mrs. Sophia M. Pero	Term expires 1954

TRUSTEES OF CALVIN BRIDGMAN FUND

Lewis H. Blackmer	Term expires February 1956
D. Donald Hazen	Term expires February 1955
George A. Poole	Term expires February 1954

APPOINTIVE OFFICERS

TRUSTEE FOR HAMP. CO. AID TO AGRICULTURE

Robert E. Hanifin	Term expires February 1954

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Eleanor Sporbert	Term expires December 1956

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Roy G. Shaw	Term expires 1956
Raymond T. Beaudoin	Term expires 1955
Alice T. Flaherty	Term expires 1954

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Elliott S. Cordner	Term expires 1956
G. Warren Crockwell	Term expires 1956
Aubrey Lapolice	Term expires 1955
Sidney T. Wheeler	Term expires 1955
Hudson Holland	Term expires 1954

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS

Joseph Kulig

FIRE CHIEF AND FOREST WARDEN

Joseph J. Kempkes, Sr.

MOTH SUPERINTENDENT

Edward B. Conkey

CHIEF OF POLICE

Nelson J. Hill

SPECIAL AGENT FOR BOARD OF HEALTH

Dr. Henry A. Tadgell

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

Dr. Francis M. Austin

INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING

John R. Newman

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Raymond C. Gay

INSPECTOR OF WIRING

Harry E. Sessions (died) Stanley J. Pietryka

SPECIAL POLICE

Dr. Henry A. Tadgell
Thomas P. Feeney
George B. Wyman State School

Channing Billings	State School
Merle H. Mason	State School
Paul T. Austin	State School
Frank E. Farrington, Sr.	State School
Leon A. Geoffroy	State School
Reo L. Terrien	State School
Daniel H. Schwartz	State School
J. Earle Penn	State School
Clarence Hubbard	
Rose Wenzel	Street List
Minnie Flaherty	Street List
Agnes Samson	Street List
Wallace F. Chevalier	Dog Officer

PUBLIC WEIGHERS

Harry L. Ryther	
H. Morgan Ryther	
Elwyn Hayes	
Charles W. Kern	State School
Norman McLeod	State School
David L. Dzuris	State School
Maurice McLean	State School
F. Edward Rogers	State School
John P. Harrington	State School
John E. Davis	State School
Paul T. Austin	State School
Patrick J. Nagle	State School
Theodore M. Picard	State School
John T. Flaherty	State School
Chester Sosnowski	State School
Aubrey D. Lapolice	State School
Wendell C. McGinnis	State School

MEASURERS OF WOOD AND LUMBER

Edwin F. Shumway Raymond C. Gay Theron V. Pratt

FENCE VIEWERS AND FIELD DRIVERS

Alvin H. Bush Robert E. White

DEPUTY FOREST FIRE WARDENS

Kenneth H. Bristol
Carl J. Peterson
Joseph J. Kempkes, Jr.
Nelson J. Hill
Louis E. Fuller
John A. Collis
Ernest M. Gay

MEMBERS BELCHERTOWN FIRE DEPARTMENT

Joseph J. Kempkes, Sr., Chief
Isaac A. Hodgen, Assistant Chief
Kenneth F. Bristol, Captain
Roy G. Shaw, Lieutenant
Joseph J. Kempkes, Jr., Lieutenant
Carl J. Peterson, Lieutenant
Louis A. Shumway
Sherman Gould
Guy C. Allen, Jr.
Nelson J. Hill
Charles F. Austin
John Wood
Louis E. Fuller
Dr. James L. Collard
Dr. Kenneth L. Collard
John A. Collis
William N. Webster
William H. Squires, Jr.
Royal K. Gay
Richard W. Lofland
Harold F. Peck
J. Raymond Gould
Ernest Gay
Walter P. Piper
Frederick E. Lincoln
George M. Dewey
William F. Kimball, Jr.
Doris L. Labrecque
Wilbur E. Eaton

JURORS

GRAND JUROR

Norman Howland

TRAVERSE JURORS

February
  Louis W. Allen
  Harvey M. Dickinson
May
  Milton A. Butler
  Peter Puta
June
  Otto M. Bilz
  John D. Keyes
October
  Clifford K. Rawson
  Donald E. Dunbar

VETERANS' AGENT

Isaac A. Hodgen

SENATORS IN CONGRESS

Leverett Saltonstall	Newton, Mass.
John Kennedy	Boston, Mass.

CONGRESSMAN—FIRST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

John Heselton	Deerfield, Mass.

STATE SENATOR

Ralph C. Mahar	Orange, Mass.

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

Isaac A. Hodgen	Belchertown, Mass.

COUNCILLOR—FIRST COUNCILLOR DISTRICT

Bruce Crane	Dalton, Mass.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Hiram H. Brownell	Northampton, Mass.
Raymond A. Lyman	Easthampton, Mass.
John R. Callahan, Jr.	Hadley, Mass.

CLERK OF COURTS

Grace T. Hawksley	Northampton, Mass.

REGISTER OF DEEDS

Raymond A. Warner	Williamsburg, Mass.

REGISTER OF PROBATE

Frank E. Tuit, II	Northampton, Mass.

COUNTY TREASURER

Howard A. Banner	Northampton, Mass

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Sanford Keedy	Amherst, Mass.

Report of Selectmen

The Board of Selectmen met and organized on February 5, 1953, at which time Mr. Robert D. Camp, Sr., accepted the position of Chairman of the Board, and Chairman of the Board of Health. Mr. John W. Avery was named Chairman of the Board of Public Welfare, and Mr. Charles F. Austin was delegated to represent the Board on the Old Town Hall Committee.

The first portion of the year was spent in fulfilling the articles favorably accepted at the Annual Town Meeting.

A new 1953 Ford Truck was ordered to replace the 1947 truck used by the Highway Department, and a mower attachment was purchased for the shovel loader.

The parapets and stone copings on Lawrence Memorial Hall were repaired and waterproofed by the A. C. Horn Company of Long Island City, New York. We wish to publicly thank Mr. Aubrey Lapolice for his assistance in drawing up the specifications for bids and also for representing the town's interest in ascertaining that the work was completed in accordance with the contract. Lawrence Memorial Hall, the scene of many public gatherings and social functions, should be maintained so that it may be regarded with pride. Civic interest was illustrated when public donations made it possible for the Lions Club to purchase a new curtain for the stage. It is the recommendation of this Board that the appearance of the hall be further improved by repainting the interior.

The Boron Property on East Walnut Street was taken for Fire Department purposes by act of eminent domain. At a special

Town Meeting held in July, the Board was further authorized to sell a portion of this property to Mr. Theodore Smist for a sum of money and a piece of property immediately south of the present Fire Station, then owned by Mr. Smist. This transaction was necessary to facilitate the construction of an addition to the Station to house the new fire apparatus then on order. The members of the Firemen's Association are to be commended for their untiring efforts in maintaining their regular duties and in giving generously of their time and skills to complete the necessary addition at a cost to the town to cover materials only.

The Chapter 81 Highway program, together with the Chapter 90 Maintenance program were carried on throughout the year by Superintendent of Streets, Mr. Joseph Kulig. Mr. Kulig reported frequently to the Board to discuss pertinent problems regarding highways.

The Chapter 90 Construction program on Canal Curve, Route 21, was started this year by our local Highway Department under a construction program outlined by the State Department of Public Works. Shortly after this work started, a technical error made by one of the state engineers was recognized, which necessitated the revision of work completed. After this early setback had been corrected, the program continued as planned and to the satisfaction of state, county and local officials. The Board has petitioned county and state officials for an increase in Chapter 90 allotment in order that such programs may be completed in a shorter period of time.

We received a petition, bearing over one hundred signatures, to take action on extending the Franklin Street sidewalk to a point opposite Franklin School. At a special Town Meeting held in November, we were authorized to appoint a committee to investigate and report their recommendations to the Board on or before January 1, 1954. This committee, composed of Mr. Patrick Landers, Mrs. Charles Hurd, Miss Eleanor Fitzgerald and Mr. Peter Puta, have done a splendid job and we now have all the facts and figures necessary to present an article covering this sidewalk in the forthcoming annual Town Meeting.

The town lost an able official in the death of the late Harry E. Sessions, Inspector of Wiring. Mr. Sessions had held this position for several years and had discharged his duties faithfully and capably. We have appointed Mr. Stanley Pietryka to fill the vacancy created by Mr. Sessions' death.

The Board accepted with regret the resignation of Mr. James M. McKillop from the post of Director of Civil Defense. We wish to publicly thank Mr. McKillop for his excellent organizational work in this field of national defense. Mr. Arlan Skinner was appointed to succeed Mr. McKillop. We should like to point out that, while open hostilities have ceased this past year, our national security is still in jeopardy and continued interest on the part of each and every individual in our Civil Defense program must be maintained.

This year, in keeping with State Law, we perambulated the town boundaries with Selectmen of the neighboring towns of Granby and Ludlow.

State and County meetings were attended by Board members in order that Belchertown's interest might be represented.

We are very grateful for the cooperation rendered the Board of Selectmen by various departments and individuals during this term.

ROBERT D. CAMP, SR.
JOHN W. AVERY
CHARLES F. AUSTIN
Selectmen of Belchertown

Report of the Board of Health

The health records of the town for the year 1953 indicate many changes in the reportable diseases as reported. As in previous years, the majority of cases reported were from the Belchertown State School.

1953 reportable diseases were as follows:

Chicken Pox	15
Mumps	6
Scarlet Fever	3
Dog Bite	11
Bacillary Dysentery	1
Poliomyelitis	3
Tuberculosis	4
Infectious Hepatitis	148

The Board believes there is a good chance of improved cooperation on the reporting of such diseases. Physicians are required by law to report same. Parents are requested to do so in the absence of an attending physician.

The State and Federal Health agencies expect cooperation from all communities.

Considerable time and action were taken in regard to piggeries and garbage disposal. As of January 1st, there is but one licensed piggery and one licensed garbage carrier.

A great many inspections, complaints, and investigations were attended to as the need occurred.

Your Board of Health functions for the benefit and better health conditions for all. Help them to help you, so that Belchertown may be a better town in which to live.

Thank you.

ROBERT D. CAMP, SR.
JOHN W. AVERY
CHARLES F. AUSTIN
Board of Health

Belchertown-Granby Welfare District Report

Belchertown Board of Public Welfare
Granby Board of Public Welfare
Gentlemen:

We are pleased to submit herewith the second report for the Belchertown-Granby Welfare District. The district has continued to operate from its office in Belchertown to the mutual advantage of the participating towns for the administration of Old Age Assistance, Aid to Dependent Children, Disability Assistance, and General Relief. A combined total of 106 cases has been handled and 375 visits and reinvestigations made during the year, with an expenditure in grants of $82,785.00

The administrative expense for the year was $7,012.91 of which $5,261.77 was reimbursed from the Federal Government and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, with $1,313.37 being charged to Belchertown and $437.77 being charged to Granby.

In 1954 the towns' share of the district expense will be prorated at the rate of 66⅔% for Belchertown, and 33 1/3% for Granby. On the basis of the budget for 1954 and considering the cash balance to the credit of the individual towns 12/31/53, it will be necessary to request $500 from each of the member towns as their share of the operating expenses.

A statement of receipts and expenses follows:

Receipts:

	B'town	Granby	Tot. Towns	Total
Cash balance 1/1/53	$1,124.44	$824.82	$1,949.26	
Transfer from B'town	1,350.00		1,350.00	
Federal Grants	2,248.54	749.52	2,998.06	

Commonwealth of Mass.	1,697.76	565.95	2,263.71	
Total	$6,420.74	$2,140.29	$8,561.03	$8,561.03
Withholdings				706.13
Total				$9,267.16
Expenses:				
Operating costs	$5,259.68	$1,753.23	$7,012.91	$7,012.91
Withholdings				706.13
Total				$7,719.04
Balance on hand	$1,161.06	$387.06	$1,548.12	$1,548.12

Itemized Expenditures		
Salaries	$5,185.67	
Travel	405.22	
Postage	271.02	
Office supplies	147.40	
Telephone	140.92	
Equipment Maintenance	14.25	
Rental and Maintenance	668.16	
Compensation Insurance	30.77	
Treasurer's Bond	25.00	
Legal expense	38.00	
Appraisals	25.00	
Daily Hampshire Gazette	24.50	
Social Service Index	26.25	
Other	10.75	$7,012.91
Withholdings		706.13
Total		$7,719.04

VICTOR P. HOULE
JOHN W. AVERY
District Welfare Committee

Lena M. Wilson, *Agent*

District Treasurer's Report

ANNUAL REPORT OF TREASURER OF BELCHERTOWN-GRANBY WELFARE DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1953

Cash balance January 1, 1953	$1,949.26	
Cash Receipts Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 1953	7,317.90	$9,267.16
Payments by Warrants of District Com.	$7,719.04	
Cash Balance December 31, 1953	1,548.12	$9,267.16

WILLIAM E. SHAW, *District Treasurer*

Welfare District Agent's Report

Board of Public Welfare
Belchertown, Mass.
Gentlemen:

This office is pleased to submit to you our report covering activities in Belchertown in Old Age Assistance, Aid to Dependent Children, Disability Assistance, and General Relief for the year 1953. A total of 82 cases has been handled and 265 visits and reinvestigations made during the year with an expenditure of $66,302.07 for 1953 relief.

There were no mandatory budgetary changes during the year. However, an increase in the cost of hospitalization from $12.00 a day to $14.00 a day in staffed hospitals has been approved by the State for 1954.

At the close of the year, the Town of Belchertown held liens on the property of 20 recipients of Old Age Assistance. A collection of $963.45 was made on one lien during the year of which the town's share was $165.50. The town also received credit for $995.05 as its share of recoveries and collections made in 1952 which had not been previously apportioned.

A statistical report for the four categories of relief follows:

	OAA	ADC	DA	GR
Number of cases 1/1/53	65	0	2	0
Trans. to town from other towns	0	0	0	0
New applications approved	6	1	0	3
Reapplications approved	2	1	0	5

	OAA	ADC	DA	GR
Applications rejected	0	0	1	0
Cases closed by death	7	0	0	0
Transferred from town	3	0	0	0
Attained technical ineligibility	1	2	0	6
Withdrew from assistance	1	0	0	0
Number of persons aided in 1953	73	6	2	23
Number cases aided in 1953	73	2	2	5
Number of cases Dec. 31, 1953	61	0	2	0
Division of Child Guardianship				1
Division of Child Guardianship closed				1

The itemized account of receipts and expenditures of each of the categories of assistance is as follows:

Old Age Assistance

Expenditures		
Aid in grants	$62,585.70	
To other Cities and Towns	594.49	
Total expense		$63,180.19
Receipts		
Federal grants in aid	$24,810.97	
State reimbursement	25,571.40	
From other cities and towns	2,955.29	
Cancelled checks and refunds	531.25	
Old Age Assistance meals tax	1,382.99	
Town's share of recoveries	1,160.55	
Total receipts		$56,412.45
Net cost for Old Age Assistance		$6,767.74

Aid to Dependent Children

Expenditures		
Aid in grants	$485.25	
Total expense		$485.25
Receipts		
Federal aid in grants	$364.21	
State reimbursements	252.17	

Total receipts	———	616.38
Credit for Aid to Dependent Children		$131.13
Disability Assistance		
Expenditures		
Aid in grants	$1,840.53	
Total expense		$1,840.53
Receipts		
Federal aid in grants	$956.75	
State reimbursements	628.32	
Total receipts	———	1,585.07
Net cost for Disability Assistance		$255.46
General Relief		
Expenditures		
Local payments for maintenance	$177.74	
Hospitalization	271.50	
Physicians	17.00	
Other medical	28.50	
Division of Child Guardianship	301.36	
Total expense	———	$796.10
Receipts		
State reimbursement	$206.42	
From other cities and towns	36.00	
Other reimbursements	35.00	
Total reimbursements	———	277.42
Net cost for General Relief		$518.68
Administration		
Expenditures		
Belchertown-Granby Welfare District	$1,313.37	
Belchertown Board of Public Welfare	425.00	
Belchertown Lien Officer stamp	7.50	
Total expense	———	$1,745.87

Receipts

Federal administrative grants, OAA	$82.84	
Federal administrative grants, ADC	1.30	
Federal administrative grants, DA	2.51	
State administrative grants, DA	3.49	
Total receipts		90.14
Net cost for administration		$1,655.73

Recapitulation

	Expenses	Receipts	Net Cost
Old Age Assistance	$63,180.19	$56,412.45	$6,767.74
Aid to Dependent Children	485.25	616.38	* *131.13*
Disability Assistance	1,840.53	1,585.07	255.46
General Relief	796.10	277.42	518.68
Administration	1,745.87	90.14	1,655.73
Total	$68,047.94	$58,981.46	$9,066.48
Net cost for Public Welfare for 1953			$9,066.48

* Indicates Credit Balance

Breakdown of payments for special needs in Old Age Assistance (included in total expense of $63,180.19)

Physicians	$7,310.30
Nurses	569.34
Drugs	2,765.82
Hospitals	1,517.29
Burials	300.00
Dentists	117.00
Opticians	78.75
Total	$12,658.50

I wish to express my appreciation to the members of the Board of Public Welfare for their cooperation during the year.

Respectfully submitted,
LENA N. WILSON
District Welfare Agent

Report of Veterans' Services

To the Selectmen of Belchertown:

The year 1953 has seen decided increase in the necessary expenditures of this agency. Two cases on a permanent basis, plus medical and dental costs, were carried during the year and will be included in the 1954 budget. Four cases were aided during the year on a temporary basis. Review and readjustment of cases aided was carried out with the full cooperation of the State Veterans' Services. Admission and treatment at the Soldiers Home in Holyoke was arranged in several instances. The use of the Fire Department and Police ambulances is deeply appreciated.

Assistance was supplied to many in the application for the Korean War Bonus and photo-staticing of discharges.

Payments on Permanent Cases	$1,554.05
Payments on Temporary Cases	211.47
Administration and Travel Expense	62.89
Total	$1,828.41
Reimbursements from the Commonwealth	680.62
Cost to Belchertown for year 1953	$1,147.79

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC A. HODGEN, *Veterans' Agent*
ELEANOR SPORBERT, *Clerk*

Report of Assessors

The money to pay the cost of operating the town is derived from:

1. Taxation of real estate, personal estate and polls.
2. Grants, gifts and reimbursements from the Commonwealth and Federal Governments, and from other citites and towns
3. Receipts of departments, available funds.
4. Licenses, permits and fines.
5. Miscellaneous other sources.

The amount to be raised by taxation was determined in this way:

The amount to be raised in the fiscal year		$359,640.60
Other expenses for the year:		
State Parks and Reservations	313.78	
Same, underestimate for 1952	117.19	
State Audit	753.05	
Same, underestimate for 1952	41.22	
County tax	10,379.86	
Overlay of current year	7,278.89	18,883.99
Gross amount to be raised		$378,524.59
Expected revenue from the Commonwealth and all other sources was estimated as	119,494.84	
Taken from available funds	115,474.31	234,969.15
Deducting the expected revenue from the total expected expenditures gave the sum to be raised by taxation as		$143,555.44

Total valuation:			
Personal property			$505,412.93
Real estate:			
Buildings		517,720.00	
Land		1,263,600.00	1,781,320.00
			$2,286,732.93
Total tax levy at $62:			
Personal property		31,335.60	
Real estate		110,441.84	
Polls (889)		1,778.00	143,555.44
Added assessments:			
Real estate,	14,306	813.75	
Polls	5	10.00	823.75

During the year we have purchased a real estate card index system which is proving a great help in our work.

DONALD E. KENYON
GEORGE E. BOOTH
WILLIAM F. KIMBALL, JR.
Board of Assessors

Report of Collector

Real Estate Taxes of 1953		
Warrants of Assessors		$111,357.89
Refunds		344.10
		$111,701.99
Payments to Treasurer	$95,293.74	
Abatements	1,784.80	
Outstanding December 31, 1953	14,623.45	111,701.99
Real Estate Taxes of 1952		
Outstanding January 1, 1953		12,202.26
Refunds		44.00
		$12,246.26
Payments to Treasurer	10,832.28	
Abatements	253.01	
Outstanding December 31, 1953	1,160.97	12,246.26
Real Estate Taxes of 1951		
Outstanding January 1, 1953		552.35
Refunds		26.00
		$578.35
Payments to Treasurer	444.15	
Abatements	134.20	578.35
Real Estate Taxes of 1950		
Outstanding January 1, 1953		15.60
Payments to Treasurer	15.60	15.60

Personal Taxes of 1953		
Warrants of Assessors		31,366.60
Payments to Treasurer	24,181.11	
Abatements	343.48	
Outstanding December 31, 1953	6,842.01	31,366.60
Personal Taxes of 1952		
Outstanding January 1, 1953		4,424.13
Refunds		19.25
		$4,443.38
Payments to Treasurer	3,685.67	
Abatements	63.25	
Outstanding December 31, 1953	694.46	4,443.38
Personal Taxes of 1951		
Outstanding January 1, 1953		694.06
Payments to Treasurer	694.06	694.06
Poll Taxes of 1953		
Warrants of Assessors		1,788.00
Adjustment		2.00
		$1,790.00
Payments to Treasurer	1,618.00	
Abatements	170.00	
Outstanding December 31, 1953	2.00	1,790.00
Poll Taxes of 1952		
Outstanding January 1, 1953		10.00
Payments to Treasurer	8.00	
Abated	2.00	10.00
Motor Vehicle Excise of 1953		
Warrants of Assessors	23,687.48	
Refunds	937.50	24,624.98
Payments to Treasurer	20,690.29	
Abatements	1,478.07	
Outstanding December 31, 1953	2,456.62	24,624.98

Motor Vehicle Excise of 1952		
Outstanding January 1, 1953		1,453.52
Warrants of Assessors		2,126.11
Adjustment		48.25
Refunds		55.73
		$3,683.61
Payments to Treasurer	3,355.17	
Abatements	268.75	
Outstanding December 31, 1953	59.69	3,683.61
Sewer Charges of 1953		
Warrants of Commissioners		3,476.95
Payments to Treasurer	3,041.59	
Abatements	15.00	
Outstanding December 31, 1953	420.36	3,476.95
Sewer Charges of 1952		
Outstanding January 1, 1953		253.33
Payments to Treasurer	198.33	
Outstanding December 31, 1953	55.00	253.33
Sewer Charges of 1951		
Outstanding January 1, 1953		48.33
Payments to Treasurer	45.00	
Abated	3.33	48.33

WILLIAM E. SHAW, *Collector*

Report of Treasurer

Dr.

Cash in Treasury January 1, 1953	$242,469.15
Cash receipts January 1 to December 31, 1953	1,443,188.57
	$1,685,657.72

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Warrants of Selectmen and Town Accountant	$1,505,353.98
Cash in Treasury December 31, 1953	180,303.74
	$1,685,657.72

Statement of Accruals on Investments of School Building Loans Proceeds

Premium and accrued interest at date of delivery	$602.68
Discounts on U. S. Treasury Bills	7,392.08
	$7,994.76

Post War Rehabilitation Fund

Deposits	$5,538.53

War Memorial Fund

Deposits	$2,518.75

Trust Funds

Susan M. D. Bridgman Poor Fund	$3,500.00	
George D. Longley School Music Fund	2,661.28	
Calvin Bridgman School Fund	7,470.89	
Calvin Bridgman Library Fund	4,120.90	
Susan Bridgman Cemetery Fund	455.39	
Willard A. Stebbins Cemetery Fund	5,465.81	
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	26,022.10	
Whiting Street Fund	9,619.75	$59,316.12

Invested Fund

U. S. Treasury Bills. Maturity Value	$150,000.00

WILLIAM E. SHAW, *Town Treasurer*

Report of Town Clerk

Marriage intentions filed	37
Marriages recorded	44
Births recorded: 31 males, 32 females	63
Deaths recorded: 50 males, 19 females	69
Sporting licenses issued	413
Duplicate licenses issued	3
Dog licenses issued:	
Male	271
Female	43
Spayed	135
Kennel	7
Gross receipts from dog licenses	$1,127.00
Mortgages, bills of sale, etc., recorded	147

WILLIAM E. SHAW, *Town Clerk*

(see Appendix for details)

Report of Sewer Commissioners

During the year 1953 new sewer cleaning equipment was purchased and proved very efficient in clearing stoppages in the main lines.

Several defective manholes were repaired and 12 new service connections were made.

MILTON C. BAGGS
D. DONALD HAZEN
ELLA A. STEBBINS
Board of Sewer Commissioners

Report of Chief of Police

Selectmen of Belchertown
Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my annual report for the Police Department of the Town of Belchertown:

Assault and Battery	4
Breaking and Entering and Larceny in the Night-time	5
Larceny	1
Violating Game Laws	2
Driving to Endanger	4
Driving under the Influence of Liquor	5
Drunkenness	9
Speeding	10
Operating an unregistered Vehicle	2
Operating without a License	4
Nonsupport	1
Stubbornness	1
Total	48

All of my officers have been very cooperative during the past year. Some of us have put in a great deal of time without remuneration, trying to make the allotted budget last.

Also, the Belchertown Police Department has had excellent cooperation from the State Police, the Metropolitan Police and neighboring Police Departments, and from the Registry of Motor Vehicles.

In 1953 an ambulance was bought by the Civil Defense Agency from the Metropolitan Police and turned over to the local Police Department to run and maintain for the people of Belchertown. It has been used several times and has proved very satisfactory.

As in the past, numerous investigations have been made involving accidents and family troubles.

I have put in a request to have the appropriation raised to about $2,700.00. This increase will include the maintaining of the new Police ambulance. From my experience this past year as Chief of this Department, the allotment certainly is not sufficient to take care of the increasing demands.

Respectfully submitted,
NELSON J. HILL,
Chief of Police

Report of Sealer of Weights and Measures

Tested and Sealed January 1, 1953—December 31, 1953

Platform Scales, 10,000 lbs. and over	1
Scales and balances, 100 lbs. and over	7
Scales and balances, under 100 lbs.	27
Gasoline Pumps	16

I have collected and turned over to the Town Treasurer fees amounting to $41.50.

RAYMOND C. GAY,
Sealer of Weights and Measures

Report of Fire Chief and Forest Warden

Board of Selectmen
Belchertown, Massachusetts
Gentlemen:

The Fire Department has responded to 75 calls during the past year:

27	Building Fires
1	Car
32	Brush Fires
12	Emergency calls for ambulance
2	Calls to search for lost persons
1	Civil Defense alert

The estimated value of buildings and their contents involved was $109,000. The estimated damage was $49,200. The amount of insurance paid on the damage was $33,482.77.

The new Pumping Engine has arrived and is in service. This will greatly increase our ability to combat fires because of the modern equipment carried on the truck and will make it possible to protect property at greater distance from water. However, this should in no way decrease the necessity for everyone to practice Fire Prevention 52 weeks in the year. Careful observance of Fire Prevention Laws can stop a fire from starting, but no amount of equipment can prevent some loss once the fire has started.

So that more property may be protected and more taxpayers benefit by a reduction in insurance rates, I recommend that a program of water hole construction be started as soon as possible.

The addition to the Fire Station is progressing and I take this opportunity to thank the members of the Department and friends for the time given to make this possible.

Respectfully submitted,
JOSEPH J. KEMPKES, SR.
Fire Chief and Forest Warden

Report of Tree Warden

Selectmen of Belchertown
Gentlemen:

During the year, two severe storms caused much damage to our shade trees: one early in the spring when a late snow froze to the trees and broke many branches; and a heavy wind storm with rain in late October which caused some older trees and weakened branches to fall.

The elms had two thorough applications of DDT with mist blower. Much roadside and woodland spraying with DDT was done for gypsy moth.

Forty-four elms were infected with Dutch Elm Disease, part of which have been cut and burned with available funds. The present program for gypsy moth control for 1954 includes aerial spraying of all of Hampshire County with state, county, and town appropriations combined.

I have attended the Western Mass. Tree Wardens and Moth Superintendents Association monthly meetings, also a meeting of Hampshire County Commissioners with Selectmen and Moth Superintendents of Hampshire County.

My thanks to the Selectmen and the citizens of the town.

EDWARD B. CONKEY,
Tree Warden

Report of Inspector of Wires

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I herewith submit my annual report as Inspector of Wires for the town of Belchertown.

The following inspections were made and approved:

New dwellings	15
New services on old dwellings	15
Water heaters	5
Oil burners	6

A few miscellaneous inspections were also made on inside wiring.

Respectfully submitted,
STANLEY J. PIETRYKA
Inspector of Wires

Report of Dog Officer

Selectmen of Belchertown
Gentlemen:

Collected taxes on 37 dogs, receiving $52.00 on males, $18.00 on spayed females and $10.00 on females.

Gave William Shaw, Town Clerk, $80.00.

Picked up 28 stray dogs, destroyed same and made report to William Shaw.

WALLACE F. CHEVALIER,
Dog Officer

Report of Cemetery Commissioners

Appropriations for 1953:		
Cemeteries		$1,050.00
Soldiers' Graves		250.00
Expenditures:		
South Cemetery	$148.60	
Lake Vale	45.35	
Dwights	42.00	
Liberty	34.50	
Rural	39.75	
Evergreen	27.90	
Mt. Hope	551.46	
Hillcrest	92.50	
H. E. Kimball & Sons	32.69	
The Ryther & Warren Co.	45.50	
D. Donald Hazen	8.00	
C. R. Rhodes	12.75	
F. E. Lincoln	69.00	1,050.00
Soldiers' Graves		250.00

Respectfully submitted,
CHARLES F. AUSTIN
LINCOLN A. COOK
FRED F. DEWEY
Commissioners

Report of Old Town Hall Committee

To the Citizens of Belchertown:

Extensive repairs were made at the Town Hall during the past year. Railings at both exits had to be replaced at a cost of $100.00. Painting of the new addition two coats, also window sills and front doors. Exit doors repaired. This work was done by Mr. Willard Young. This building is Mr. Young's pride and joy.

The mats were sent away and repaired. The company repaired the same free. The town had to pay the express charges of $15.00.

The Gym floor was resealed. $35.00 for cost of material.

The committee would like to have the booth taken out at some future time.

It is the aim of this committee to keep this building in proper repair.

W. P. PIPER
WILLARD H. YOUNG, SR.
CHARLES F. AUSTIN

Report of Summer Recreation Committee

The summer recreation program opened at the playground July 6, under the able leadership of Mrs. Ruth Dobson and her assistants, Sandra Rhodes, David Hodgen and Clifford Dyer. The program consisted of active sports, such as baseball, kickball, etc., as well as activities of a quieter sort, such as beadwork, leathercraft, finger painting, plaster of Paris molding, raffia work, and gimp work. The rainy days were spent at the Town Hall, where basketball, badminton and volley ball occupied the children.

Perhaps the most exciting part of the program was the weekly specialty, which ranged from Raggedy Anne parades to scavenger hunts to bicycle races. The last day of the program was entirely devoted to having a good time. There were eats and activities, to which the parents were invited.

The summer program for the children of the town in the year of 1953 was a successful one. The success of this program was due to the generosity and understanding of many people, and to these people we extend our thanks and appreciation. We hope this program will continue as successfully next year.

W. PAIGE PIPER
JOHN W. AVERY
WILLARD H. YOUNG, SR.

Report of Director of Civil Defense

Board of Selectmen
Belchertown, Mass.
Gentlemen:

In submitting my second and final annual report as Director of Civil Defense, it is gratifying to state that the program has progressed with the continued support of the citizens of the town.

The devastating tornado which swept Central Massachusetts on June 9, 1953 furnished the organization's first real test in an emergency since the Civil Defense program came into being in 1950. The answer to the effectiveness of this program in Belchertown as well as other communities was at hand; and at that moment Civil Defense services alerted, responded to help those unfortunates in the stricken areas. It was a further satisfaction to see the Belchertown State School and Metropolitan District Commission work hand in hand with the local agency.

The training programs have continued during the past year, as well as the compilation of surveys and a more extensive study in facilities and equipment we could offer in the event of an emergency.

The local agency has worked in close cooperation with the State, Regional and Sector offices. Representatives from Belchertown have attended all meetings on Federal, State and Regional levels.

From available funds, Civil Defense purchased the Alert Steam Siren, and an Ambulance for the town, as well as providing one-half the cost for a lighting plant for the local fire department.

Mr. Arlan V. Skinner assumed the responsibility of Director of

Civil Defense on January 1, 1954. To Mr. Skinner, I wish all the success and cooperation he will justly deserve. I further urge all the citizens of the town to give a part of their time to this important program.

In closing, I wish to express my sincere appreciation to all those who not only have cooperated with the program, but who have given much of their time for the effectiveness of the organization to date. The general public must back any such program in order that it may function for the purpose for which it was established.

Respectfully submitted,
JAMES M. McKILLOP,
Civil Defense Director

Report of Planning Board

During the year of 1953, your Planning Board continued the work started in 1951 and 1952, which consisted of the preparation of a proposed Zoning By-Law for the Town of Belchertown, under the direction of Mr. Maynard O. Saunders, Planning Board Consultant. Maps and By-Laws have been revised.

Planning Board meetings are held the third Wednesday of each month, if possible.

The Zoning By-Laws were presented at the Annual Town Meeting on February 9, 1953, but were tabled.

On March 18, 1953, Mr. Byron A. Hudson resigned as chairman of the Planning Board because of business reasons. Mr. Roy H. King was drafted as chairman of the Planning Board. The Board and people of Belchertown thank Mr. Byron A. Hudson for the hard work and time he put into the Planning Board.

On May 4, 1953. a special hearing was held at Memorial Hall; 27 people were there. Different parts of the Zoning By-Laws were discussed. A special town meeting was held in May, but the Planning Board was not notified in time.

On November 2, 1953, a special town meeting was finally held. The proposed Zoning By-Laws were one of the Eight Articles to be voted upon. They were tabled, 83 for and 13 against.

The Board wishes to express its thanks to all Town Officials for advice and help throughout the year, and to Mr. Saunders for his services.

Respectfully submitted,

ROY H. KING
BYRON A. HUDSON
FREDERICK D. FARLEY
EVERETT A. GEER
ROBERT J. BRADEN

Annual Report

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

ORGANIZATION

School Committee

	Term Expires
MRS. FANNY G. MOREY, Chairman	1955
WALTER P. PIPER	1956
E. CLIFTON WITT	1954

Superintendent of Schools and Secretary of School Committee

CARL J. PETERSON Residence, Mill Valley Road, Belchertown
Telephone Residence:, 3714
Office: 3111

Secretary and Clerk

Mrs. May Rose Dewey, Residence, No. Main St., Belchertown
Telephone: Residence, 3591

Meetings of School Committee

At 8:00 P. M. on the Second Wednesday of the Month

School Nurse

MRS. MINNIE DAVIS, R. N., Res.: So. Main St., Belchertown
Telephone: 4051

School Physician

JAMES L. COLLARD, M. D. Res.: Maple St., Belchertown
Telephone: 2411

Attendance Officer

CLARENCE HUBBARD Residence: Ware Road, Belchertown
Telephone: 2351

No School Signal

4 Siren Signals at 7:30 A. M.

Report of School Committee

To the Citizens of Belchertown:

The most serious situation that confronted the Committee in 1953 was the aggravation of the already overcrowded classroom situation by the steadily increasing enrollment.

Due to the new pupils that moved into Belchertown during the summer vacation period, it became obvious when school opened in September that additional classroom space was needed.

The Clapp Memorial Library Trustees very kindly voted to allow the use of the main room in the Library as a classroom. Due to the limited toilet facilities, it was decided to transfer only girls to this building. Grade III at the Center School was divided into two sections, and Miss Alice Flaherty, the teacher at the Center School, remained with the boys' group, and Mrs. Blanche Austin was hired to instruct the girls in their new classroom.

Each year the Committee outlines a program for the maintenance and repair of the school buildings. The amount of money budgeted for this purpose has never been sufficient to complete all of the things that should be done. Annually, however, the Committee have tried to improve as well as maintain the physical plant. Oftentimes some of the items the Committee plans to accomplish during a year have to be left undone because of emergency expenditures.

During the past year, approximately $500 was spent on the heating plant in the High School building. A fresh-air duct and a new draft regulator was installed to improve the operation of the oil burner and the covering on the steam boiler was completely removed and renewed. The annual cost of maintaining this heating plant has been paid from the school department appropriation. However, this plant serves the dual function of heating both the High School section of the building and Memorial Hall.

Due to the age of the buildings, the plumbing is beginning to deteriorate more rapidly and it was necessary during the past year to replace a considerable amount of inside water pipe at the Center School.

Some of the major items purchased during the school year were: 25 new tablet arm chairs to be used by the classes being held in the basement under Memorial Hall; new window shades for Franklin School and opaque shades for one of the High School classrooms to permit the room to be darkened for the use of visual aids; and, three replacement typewriters and a Monroe calculator for the Commercial Department.

On March 26, 1953, the Committee accepted the resignation of the Superintendent of Schools, Mr. George S. Goodell. Mr. Carl Peterson was appointed to fill the vacancy. The Committee felt Mr. Peterson was well acquainted with the needs of our schools and with the new school to be completed in the near future, his knowledge would be very valuable.

By unanimous vote the Belchertown School Committee respectfully ask the Town to appropriate the sum of $147,650 for the running of the schools during 1954.

PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET FOR 1954

	Appropriation 1953	Appropriation 1954
GENERAL CONTROL	$9,165.00	$9,940.00
INSTRUCTION	78,435.00	87,502.00
OPERATION OF SCHOOL PLANT	11,890.00	16,119.00
REPAIRS AND REPLACEMENTS	3,000.00	3,000.00
TRANSPORTATION OF PUPILS	19,090.00	22,016.00
HEALTH	3,350.00	3,350.00
MISCELLANEOUS	450.00	457.00
HOUSEHOLD ARTS	3,933.00	4,116.00

OUTLAY	550.00	1,000.00
LIBRARY		150.00
	$129,863.00	$147,650.00
SPECIAL APPROPRIATION	700.00	
	$130,563.00	

SECTION 10 of School Aid, Chapter 643, Acts of 1948, requires School Committees when submitting thteir school budgets, to include an estimate of the following receipts:

Group A.		
1. School Aid, Chapter 643	$32,370.00	
2. Transportation	17,500.00	
3. Superintendent Reimbursement	3,333.00	
4. Vocational, Household Arts	1,957.27	55,160.27
Group B.		
1. Tuition & Transportation State Wards	6,976.16	6,976.16
		$62,136.43

Total to be expended for support of Schools		$147,650.00	
Minus: Group A.	$55,160.27		
Group B.	6,976.16	62,136.43	85,513.57
Approximate amount to be raised by local taxation			$85,513.57

FANNY G. MOREY
WALTER P. PIPER
E. CLIFTON WITT
School Committee

Report of Superintendent of Schools

Members of the School Committee and Citizens of Belchertown:

I am submitting herewith my second annual report on the Belchertown Public Schools. This is not, however, my second consecutive report and since I did not assume the responsibilities of my present position until August, I am including for the record some of the events that occurred during the administration of my predecessor.

In 1930, in the report of the Superintendent of Schools, mention was emphatically made of the overcrowded situation at the Center School. Since that time this theme has been repeated annually in the reports of the Superintendents and the School Committees. This yearly report is, I hope the concluding chapter in the story of overcrowded conditions in our schools, a story that stretches back twenty-three years.

During the past year all of the temporary classroom arrangements made in former years were continued and in addition it was necessary to provide for a classroom in the main reading room of Clapp Memorial Library. The only other solution to the problem in recent years would have been the adoption of a so-called double session arrangement whereby some pupils would have attended a morning session and others an afternoon session. This has been successfully done in some communities but would have created a very difficult transportation problem in Belchertown.

The present arrangement has its faults and limitations. It has penalized the teacher in the larger classroom by making it necessary for that teacher to have a high pupil load. Double grades have been assigned to teachers to eliminate the overcrowded conditions in successive grades. In Grade III boys and girls had to be separated when the transfer to the Library was governed by the existing toilet facilities in the building. New teachers in our school system and beginning teachers have been rated on their ability to teach in physical situations where even an experienced person would find it difficult. And, the problem does not only concern the elementary pupils and teachers. Every available space in the high school building is used as a classroom. Some of the areas such as the teachers' room, the auditorium, the stage with the curtains closed, and the recreation room have not been conducive to a good teacher-learning situation.

At this point in my report I would like to commend the principals and teachers for their fine attitude and cooperation in striving to maintain high educational standards, and encourage the development of the individual pupil, in spite of the school plant limitations. Most teachers have graciously accepted their assignments and situations, realizing that administrative policy must be governed primarily by what is best for the pupils.

PERSONNEL CHANGES

There were three changes and one addition to the school staff during the year.

Mrs. Louise Dickinson, teacher of Grade I at the Center School, resigned, and was replaced by Mrs. Doris Crespi of North Wilbraham. Mrs. Crespi attended the Illman School of Kindergarten Training, which is affiliated with the University of Pennsylvania, and also Randolph-Macon College in Lynchburg, Virginia. She had previous experience in private schools as a primary teacher, and immediately prior to her appointment in Belchertown was a kindergarten teacher in the Springfield Public Schools.

Miss Mildred Robbins of North Wilbraham was appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Miss Mary Thornton, teacher of Grade II at the Center School. Miss Robbins had previously taught in Belchertown from 1948 through June 1952, when she accepted a position in Junction City, Oregon.

When part of Grade III was moved to the Library, Mrs.

Blanche Austin was hired as the teacher. Mrs. Austin taught at Liberty School from 1947 to 1950, and has also served as a substitute teacher for a number of years.

In the High School Building, Miss Josephine Ingram, teacher of Social Studies in Grades VII and VIII was replaced by Miss Janet Ross. Miss Ross received her Bachelor of Arts Degree from the College of New Rochelle in 1952 and in June of 1953 she received her Master of Arts Degree from Boston College where she majored in History. This is her first teaching position.

In February Mr. D. Donald Hazen resigned as Attendance Officer and Mr. Clarence Hubbard was appointed in his place.

SCHOOL PLANT IMPROVEMENT

In addition to the major repairs listed in the report of the School Committee, the school buildings are constantly being improved through the efforts of the custodians. Mr. George Dewey and Mr. William Kimball have in addition to their regular janitorial duties, been responsible for all of the redecorating of school buildings for the last two years. During the past summer, all of the corridor walls and ceilings in the high school building were repainted, the painting of the recreation room was completed, all concrete floors color-sealed, wooden floors scrubbed and sealed, bulletin boards erected, and seventy-four school desk tops sanded and refinished.

In addition to the maintenance of the school buildings, the custodians have scrubbed, resealed and painted floors in the Old Town Hall and Memorial Hall in accordance with the agreement of the School Department to maintain these areas as long as they must be used as classrooms.

The part-time custodians, Mr. William Aldrich and Mr. Albert Dudek, have been available for some extra work at their respective buildings and at the Center Schools. During the past summer, Mr. Aldrich pointed up the brick foundation at Union School and constructed a concrete landing at the front entrance. Mr. Dudek worked at the high school building and scrubbed and sealed the floors at Franklin School.

The yearly maintenance program now being carried on by the custodians represents a financial saving for the Town. Some of this economy should be reflected in an improved salary schedule for the custodians, the purchase of more equipment and tools, and the provision for additional help during the school vacation periods.

SCHOOL ENTRANCE AGE

In 1952 the School Committee adopted the following age requirement:

"To enter grade one in September of any given year, a child must be five years of age on the January first prior to his September enrollment."

At that time it was voted that all pupils who would have entered school in 1952 under the old ruling should be allowed to attend it they satisfactorily passed an entrance test given by the Massachusetts Child Guidance Clinic. This provision to allow entrance by examination was continued for pupils entering school in September, 1953. The Committee have now voted that entrance by examination will no longer be permitted and children will be admitted only in accordance with the Chronological Age requirement.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1954 will be a year of adjustment and change. The transfer of the elementary pupils in the Center Schools to the new building will make it possible to recommend changes at the junior and senior high school levels that have heretofore been impractical. I am, however, not enumerating them at this time.

There are three things that I feel should be given serious and if possible, immediate attention:

1. The playground area at Franklin School is very small and directly in back of the school, and on the south side there are several rock outcroppings that are a hazard. A survey should be made relative to the possibility of improving the Landers' Playground which directly adjoins the rear of the school property, so that this area could be used during school recess and play periods.

2. The services of the music supervisor should be increased one day a week, and a part-time teacher should be hired to give instru-

ment instruction and to direct the school band.

3. An art supervisor should be hired at least on a part-time basis.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion I would like to express my appreciation to the School Committee for their continued confidence in my ability to administer the schools. It has been a pleasant experience to return as superintendent.

A good school system reflects the cooperative effort of many individuals and groups. The service of those who cheerfully and conscientiously do their duty is hereby gratefully acknowledged.

I sincerely regret that Mr. E. Clifton Witt has decided not to be a candidate for the School Committee in the 1954 Town Election. He has been a sincere and conscientious member for the past six years. I know that his interest and cooperation in school matters will not diminish. As Chairman of the Elementary Building Committee he will continue as an active participant in local school affairs.

Included as an appendage to this report are the reports of the High School Principal, Household Arts Instructor, Audio-Visual Director, Music Supervisor, and School Nurse.

Respectfully submitted,
CARL J. PETERSON
Superintendent of Schools

Report of High School Principal

Mr. Carl J. Peterson
Superintendent of Schools:
Dear Mr. Peterson:

My annual report as Principal of Belchertown High School is herewith submitted.

The enrollment in September, 1953, was: (See Page 53)

Fourteen girls and four boys graduated in June, 1953. Of these graduates, Margaret Austin is enrolled at Mount Holyoke College; Ralph Pittsley entered the University of Massachusetts; Mary Jean Reilly is attending the Northampton Commercial College; Carol Morse is attending Northampton Commercial College, and is also employed as a secretary at the Fire and Marine Insurance Company, Springfield; Loretta Smith and Joyce Wood are employed as secretaries at Monsanto; Shirley Fitts and Jeanette Rhodes have secretarial work at Rogers Plastics, Holyoke; Josephine Jusko is working as a secretary at Tampax; Elizabeth Davis has been employed as a secretary at Amherst College; Thelma Ketchen, Jeannette Noel and June Brown are married; Ruth Jenks is employed at Louis Foods, Amherst; Rene Daniels is working for Ducharme's Construction Company; and, Alice Stewart, Gerald Trombly and Wallace Wenzel are working at home.

It is a pleasure to be working again under the administration and supervision of Mr. Carl Peterson, who, as I have mentioned in previous reports, has indicated in many ways his desire to improve the schools of Belchertown in every manner possible.

The school has been fortunate in retaining almost its entire faculty this year. The only change in the high school building is the coming of Miss Janet Ross to teach the social studies in grades seven and eight. Miss Ross holds a bachelor's degree from the College of New Rochelle and a master's degree from Boston College. She has the position formerly held by Miss Josephine Ingram.

Early in the year, an invitation was extended to the high school pupils to become members of the Dramatic Club. About 20 signed up—girls definitely in the majority. It was planned that the club meet once a week during the fourth period, but actually groups within the club working on individual plays met much more frequently.

The club's first appearance was in a play given as part of the celebration of National Education Week in November.

Several other one-act plays were given during the year before the student body. These gave the members of the Dramatic Club valuable acting experience before an audience, and furnished entertainment for actors and audience alike.

While the club gave no real public performance, the members gained in ability and in poise from their club and school appearances. This year, it is hoped the group from Belchertown can take part in the Drama Festival, in which various clubs from different parts of the state compete for state honors.

Miss Elizabeth Huller, our teacher of French, spent her summer vacation traveling in Europe. Some of her thoughts and observations concerning the educational value of a trip abroad follow: That a trip of any kind is educational as well as pleasurable, no one can deny. This is especially true of travelling through a foreign country. While spending a few months on foreign soil does not transform a tourist into an expert on foreign affairs, it does afford one the opportunity to observe the economic, social and political conditions of the countries visited, if one is at all alert. One becomes acquainted with the customs and culture of a people other than one's own, while learning at the same time something of their attitude toward us. Certainly, no one returns from Europe without a deeper appreciation of our own great democracy with its four-fold freedoms.

Through the medium of travel, the places about which one has studied become more than mere geographical or historical terms; rather they become meaningful and real. Similarly, it is a source of great satisfaction to actually practice the languages one has studied. This has the two-fold benefit of gaining the goodwill and confidence of the people, whose language is spoken and also gaining greater fluency in the language. While it is utopian to suppose that travel will become incorporated into our educational program, the exchange student plan is to be recommended as an invaluable aid to education.

The health class has been initiated for the Eighth Grade to supplement physical education activities. The lack of suitable space or facilities at the present time limits the amount of physical activity that can be indulged in. Actual activity classes can only be held out-of-doors, when the weather is favorable. Indoor instruction is therefore maintained in the form of a health class.

The object of this course is to acquaint the individual youngster with the essentials and necessities of good, clean, wholesome and healthy living. Through the textbook and classroom discussion, problems of present day health are brought to light. The youngster learns the requirements for maintaining a healthy mind and body, and he learns to associate the need for these with everyday activities, as well as in competitive physical activities.

The course also considers the community problems in public health and safety, and the part the individual must take in maintaining a healthy and wholesome community. Some effort is made to encourage continuous good habits, and the recognition of and restraint from habits detrimental to the individual and to the community welfare.

The time for agriculture for boys in the 8th grade is divided with classes in physical training. Three days a week is given to physical training and two to agriculture. Little more than a sketchy appreciation of the subject can be given in such a limited time. The textbook used has well written material covering the types of agriculture, locations of the various types in our country, the breeds and care of farm animals, the use and care of farm machinery and some of the problems of the marketing of farm products. Two chapters detail in somewhat technical manner with the effect of the sun's rays on the chemistry of food production in plants and the proper soils needed to produce good feed.

It is the aim that from the course the boys will gain an appreciation of the satisfactions to be gained from a vocation dealing with living, growing materials, which must also include a knowledge of the independent use and repair of various sorts of more or less complicated machines. Constant stress is laid on the almost unlimited types of knowledge and initiative which a farmer must possess in contrast to the rather limited needs in these lines of a factory worker. The role of the farmer as the most important producer of the nation and the one upon whom so many industries depend for their existence is one of the major points of emphasis in the course.

The Driver Education and Training Course has been continued during the past year. Officials of automobile associations and outstanding educators advocate driver education for high school pupils as one of the most promising long-range hopes for reducing traffic accidents, improving individual acceptance of traffic responsibilities, providing for better traffic law enforcement and observance, and for securing public support for highway transportation improvement.

One of the most outstanding assemblies of the year was the John Freedom Assembly held November 25, 1953. Guests were Mr. Lundquist, representative of Station WBZ-WBZA, and Mr. Thomas J. Curtin of the State Department of Edcation. Others on the platform were the Hobby Show committee and their adviser, Mrs. Tague.

Mr. Lundquist presented the dedication to Belchertown High School by awarding a citation. Two books, "Life in America," were also presented. The plate of this book reads: "This book is presented to Belchertown High School by Station WBZ-WBZA in recognition of significant service to the community by the Freshman Class, who through act and deed has accepted the principle—responsibility."

Mr. Curtin of the Department of Education asked the students, "What are you here for?" He cited that every student has an indelible stamp that represents a mark of past accomplishments. He stated, "Where else in the whole world is shown such faith in the children? The gift of citizenship has been given to us. A good citizen has an adequate understanding of your way of life. In summary, he has a firm set of beliefs and convictions, respects others, works with all groups regardless of background." His final request was "Be Somebody!"

Following the assembly, recordings were made of statements spoken by members of the Civics Hobby Show Committee and representatives from Station WBZ. These recordings were broadcasted on the following Sunday.

The Iowa Tests of Educational Development, the Boston University Vocational Battery Tests and the Aptitude Tests administered by officials from the Ware DES office have been taken by the pupils this year.

The usual activities of previous years have been continued and some new projects introduced.

I appreciate the cooperation and encouragement given by the citizens of Belchertown, the school committee, the superintendent of schools, members of the school staff and various organizations in furnishing assistance in the operation of the school.

Respectfully submitted,

GUY E. HARRINGTON

Principal of the High School

HIGH SCHOOL ENROLLMENT, SEPTEMBER, 1953

	Boys	Girls	Totals
Seniors	13	11	24
Juniors	16	14	30
Sophomores	16	17	33
Freshmen	19	17	36
	—	—	—
	64	59	123
Eighth Grade	26	24	50
Seventh Grade	27	26	53
Sixth Grade	17	24	41
	—	—	—
	134	133	267

Report of Household Arts Supervisor

Mr. Carl J. Peterson
Superintendent of Schools
Dear Mr. Peterson:

The purpose of the Household Arts department is to interest our young people in homemaking in general, through planning and preparing nutritionally adequate meals for the family, planning the wardrobe, and developing the skills of dressmaking.

All of the Eighth Grade girls are required to take Household Arts for two double periods weekly. During the year they make aprons to wear in Foods classes, simple skirts, and blouses or shorts. Some of the girls accomplish additional projects.

In the Foods units, these girls learn food values and the fundamentals of meal planning. Breakfast is stressed as the most important meal of the day and many quick breads and main dishes are prepared. Following the Breakast unit, the girls go ahead to luncheon dishes and desserts.

The Freshman girls continue the study of clothing with more stress being placed on the use of patterns, and on alterations and construction of garments. Choice of fabrics and of colors most suitable to the individual are emphasized.

In the Foods classes we strive for more efficiency and skill in planning good meals at low cost. Luncheons are stressed during the Freshman year. It is hoped that the information and skills learned at school will be practised and carried forward in the homes.

Field trips to plants, industries, and public utilities form an important part of the Household Arts courses.

This year for the first time Household Arts was offered to Sophomore boys with most encouraging results. They started by making their own aprons and caps for Foods classes. Since the signal of "On with the cooking!" was given, the boys have shown great interest and aptitude. Their first unit, on breakfasts, was completed by planning and serving a whole breakfast from fruit to beverage. Before the holiday season they specialized in Christmas cookies and candies. Beginning in January they will be busy with a unit on luncheons, which will be followed by one on dinners. There will also be a unit on the care and simpler repairs to clothing, including methods of mending and pressing, with a possible unit on the construction of a tailored sport shirt.

A number of factors in the present-day American scene make it reasonable for men to be familiar with certain phases of homemaking once reserved largely for the ladies. A sharing in home and child care has become necessary as young married women have taken jobs outside the home. Military life is easier for those boys who know at least the functions of a needle and a fry-pan. And there is hardly a male alive who does not take pleasure at showing the women folks his skill at preparing a picnic meal. Household Arts for Boys may become a highly-desirable Sophomore elective in the high school.

In all the work of this department the close cooperation of the home cannot be stressed too much. Most of the other courses find the student being provided with all necessary materials by the school. In this work it is naturally necessary for each student to provide the basic materials for sewing projects. If they lack the materials, they must miss most of the value to be derived.

Again, as always, I wish to thank the school officials for their kindness and understanding in this phase of our educational program, a phase which can mean so much to the happiness and success of future homes.

Respectfully submitted,
FLORENCE JACKSON

Report of School Nurse

Mr. Carl J. Peterson
Superintendent of Schools
Belchertown, Massachusetts
Dear Mr. Peterson:

I herewith submit my ninth annual report as School Nurse in the Belchertown Schools.

This school year has been similar to those in the past. The same type health program has been followed. Communicable diseases were present, as usual, but not in epidemic proportions. Intestinal grippe was quite prevalent throughout the entire year. Although it was of short duration, many children had repeated attacks. This fall, school started with a case of mumps, and again, there were not too many cases at one time, but each week there were one or two new ones.

Mrs. Robert LeGrand and the High School Commercial Department completed a revision of the booklet, "Off to School."

"School Environment," the fifth and last element in the school health program is "just around the corner". The Elementary School Building, which will be occupied next fall, will help provide this most important part of the program. Many conditions and situations throughout the entire school system will be relieved by bringing a greater number of children into this building: namely, overcrowding; better conservation for sight; proper seating in the classrooms for health and efficiency; adequate basement facilities; suitable play ground space and equipment, with safety; new and adequate school equipment; suitable space for testing, physical examinations and conferences. I feel that all children in the school system will benefit academically, as well as physically and mentally, by relieving congested, inadequate classrooms that are now present. It also will help solve a great many health problems that have been present in the past. It could be the "birth" of a bigger and better health program, which has always been a dream, but, at last, may be a reality.

My sincerest appreciation to you, Mr. Peterson, for your cooperation and guidance in the past. My thanks to Dr. James L. Collard, School Personnel and parents, who have cooperated and helped in their own way to carry out the school health program.

Respectfully submitted,
MINNIE N. DAVIS, *School Nurse*

Report of Supervisor of Music

Mr. Carl Peterson
Superintendent of Schools
Dear Mr. Peterson:

I am pleased to submit the following report of the music program in the Belchertown schools.

Many rote songs are taught in grades one, two and three which teach the correct tone production. Also group and individual participation with special provision for exceptional children. In grades two and three we introduce symbols of notation and begin to coordinate eye and ear activities through use of music books. In grades one and two we have an excellent rhythm band directed by different children in this group. We also do many singing games and folk dances.

Grades three and four continue with song repertory with provisions for exceptional children. Through note reading we increase the power to coordinate ear and eye, sound and sight, thus providing growth in independent music reading. Playing of the melody instrument (the tonette-pre-band) of songs from books at sight is found in grade four, with the exception of Miss Shea's room where we have grades three and four with tonettes and Mrs. Shaw's with grades four and five.

Miss Reitzel's fifth grade are singing two and three part songs. They also have a group of children that play recorders, with two and three part music.

Mrs. Carter's grades five and six and Mrs. Lambert's grade six are doing excellent three part singing.

As you know, boys and girls in grades five and six auditioned at the Western Massachusetts Music Festival in Turners Falls in May. The following are the comments made by the judge:

"This was a very large group very well trained, and they sang with a great deal of enthusiasm and pleasure in their work. The group did very fine work. Outstanding strong points are: appearance—attentiveness and training."

It is a pleasure to work with the Junior High chorus this year. They are singing three part music in both the boys' chorus and the girls'.

We have a nice High School chorus this year. They auditioned at the Music Festival also, coming back with excellent comments from the judge. Comments from the judge are:

"Certainly this school and community and school authorities are to be commended for their enthusiam towards music. The conductor is to be commended for the enthusiasm and interest in music she inspires in her students. Outstanding strong points: Enthusiasm and appearance."

I hope that some time in the near future we may have a glee club in our High School.

In conclusion, I wish to express my appreciation for the fine cooperation I have always received in Belchertown from the School Committee, Superintendent of Schools, High School Principal, Principals of the Grade Schools, teachers, pianists and pupils.

Respectfully submitted,
CLARA COOK,
Supervisor of Music

Audio-Visual Report

Mr. Carl J. Peterson
Superintendent of Schools
Belchertown, Mass.
Dear Mr. Peterson:

In making my second annual report on the Audio-Visual Program in the Belchertown School System, I am pleased to report that many of the objectives as outlined a year ago have been achieved.

Major additions during the year consisted of the purchase of a 16mm camera and a tape recorder. The camera has been used to take pictures of school activities. An experimental film was taken in the Town Hall during a basketball game, but poor lighting in the hall made this venture unadvisable until such time as the lighting is improved. Other pictures were taken of the music festival and of the school entries in the parade on Fair Day, including the school band.

The tape recorder was recently purchased and has not been put into use as yet. A machine of this type has inestimable value and will be used throughout the system.

Once again we are members of the Massachusetts Film Cooperative at the University of Massachusetts which entitles us to the use of fifteen films for a period of one week each. A full schedule was submitted for booking during the year. In addition twelve films from the Ladd Visual Service in Boston were booked for use in specific classes and at noontime.

A series of elementary science film strips were purchased for use at the junior high level and a series of Popular Science film strips dealing with social science were purchased for use at the elementary level.

Early in the year room twenty-four in the high school was equipped with special window shades, so that the opaque projector may be used more effectively.

In conclusion may I express my appreciation to the entire school department for its assistance in carrying out this program, to the administration whose interest and cooperation made new purchases possible, to the faculty who aided in the selecting and scheduling of films, and to the custodians who aided in providing facilities for more effective use and storage of the audio-visual materials and equipment.

Respectfully submitted,
DONALD E. GEER

School Financial Report

CLASSIFICATION OF SCHOOL EXPENDITURES, 1953

GENERAL CONTROL		
School Committee		
Salaries	$130.00	
Expenses	33.00	163.00
Superintendent of Schools		
Salary	5,784.57	
Expenses—including in and out-of-state travel, clerk, postage, stationery and telephone	3,102.83	
Law Enforcement	27.66	8,915.06
INSTRUCTION		
Teachers' Salaries	74,820.92	
Teachers' Expense	77.60	
Instructional Supplies	4,547.15	79,445.67
OPERATION OF SCHOOL PLANT		
Janitor Service	6,026.78	
Operation of Expense: Supplies, Telephone, Electricity	1,882.72	
Fuel	3,656.76	11,566.26
MAINTENANCE OF SCHOOL PLANT		
Repairs and Replacements	2,700.93	2,700.93
AUXILIARY AGENCIES		
Promotion of Health	3,356.12	
Transportation of Pupils	19,348.25	22,704.37

MISCELLANEOUS	443.20	443.20
CAPITAL OUTLAY		
Building Alteration and New Equipment	533.88	533.88
HOUSEHOLD ARTS	3,953.38	3,953.38
Total Expenditures from Appropriation		$130,425.75
From Special Funds:		
George Longley (Music Fund)	150.40	150.40
TOTAL COST OF SCHOOLS		$130,576.15
RECEIPTS:		
Appropriation 1953	$129,863.00	
Appropriation, Special Town Meeting November 2, 1953	700.00	
Available Funds (George Longley Music Fund)	150.40	130,713.40
BALANCE RETURNED TO THE TOWN		137.25
RECEIPTS—Paid to the town of Belchertown from other sources than local taxation:		
Dept. of Public Welfare, State Wards	$10,224.76	
School Aid (Chapter 643)	32,082.63	
Transportation	16,029.00	
Superintendent reimbursement	3,553.33	
Vocational Household Arts	1,806.90	63,696.62
RECAPITULATION		
Total Cost of Schools		$130,576.15
Reimbursements from State	63,696.62	
Used from Available Funds	150.40	63,847.02
Actual cost to Town of Belchertown 1953		$66,729.13
Actual cost to Town of Belchertown 1952		63,694.85

ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 1, 1953

SCHOOL	GRADES 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	TOTAL
Center	46	45	45	54	22								212
Town Hall				23	36								59
Franklin	16	21	14	18	17	23							109
Union	11	7	6										24
High School						39	53	48	37	31	30	23	261
	73	73	65	95	75	62	53	48	37	31	30	23	665

School Calendar

SEPTEMBER 9, 1953 TO JUNE 25, 1954

1953

September 9—Wednesday—Schools open—Beginning of school year

October 12—Monday—Schools closed—Columbus Day

October 23—Friday—Schools closed—Hampden County Teachers' Association Convention

November 11—Wednesday—Schools closed—Armistice Day

November 26 - 27—Thursday - Friday—Schools closed—Thanksgiving vacation. Wednesday, November 25—all schools close at 12.00 o'clock, single session.

November 30—Monday—Schools reopen

December 23—Wednesday—Schools closed for Christmas Vacation. Single session will be held on this day

1954

January 4—Monday—Schools reopen

February 19—Friday—Schools closed for Midwinter Vacation

March 1—Monday—Schools reopen

April 16—Friday—Schools closed—Good Friday

April 19—Monday—Schools closed—Patriots' Day

April 23—Friday—Schools closed for Spring Vacation

May 3—Monday—Schools reopen

May 31—Monday—Schools closed—Observance of Memorial Day

June 17—Thursday—Elementary Schools closed

June 18—Friday—Elementary Teachers return to complete work

June 25—Friday—High School closed

82nd Commencement

OF THE

BELCHERTOWN HIGH SCHOOL

June 18

1953

Lawrence Memorial Hall

8:00 P. M.

GRADUATES

Margaret Frances Austin
June Ruth Brown
Rene Caroll Daniels
Elizabeth Ann Davis
Shirley Mae Fitts
Ruth Marion Jenks
Josephine Mary Jusko
Thelma Merle Ketchen
Carol Ruth Morse
Jeannette Rita Noel
Ralph Francis Pittsley
Mary Jean Reilly
Jeanette Belle Rhodes
Loretta Mae Smith
Alice Mae Stewart
Gerald Everett Trombly
Wallace Earl Wenzel
Joyce Janet Wood

PROGRAM

Processional			Mrs. Marion Shaw Accompanist
Invocation			Rev. John A. Douglas
Songs	Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen	Boys	
	Serenade	Girls	*Romberg*
	One World	Chorus	*O'Hara-Bratton*
Salutatory			Ralph Pittsley
Song	Vienna—City of My Dreams	Thelma Ketchen	
Valedictory			Margaret Austin
Song	I Believe	Seniors	*Drake, Graham, Shirl, and Stillman*
Address			Robert S. Hopkins, Jr. Dean of Men, University of Massachusetts
Lions Club Scholarship			Arthur R. Brooks
Emory F. Munsell Award			
Arnold C. Martinelli, Jr., Memorial Scholarship			Mr. Arnold C. Martinelli
Presentation of Class to School Committee			Guy E. Harrington Principal of High School
Awarding of Diplomas			Mrs. Fanny G. Morey Chairman School Committee
Song	The Lord's Prayer	Chorus	*Malotte*
Benediction			Rev. George R. Dudley
Recessional			

Songs directed by Mrs. Clara P. Cook
Accompanist, Mrs. Marion Shaw

RECEPTION

SCHOOL PERSONNEL AS OF JAN. 1, 1954

Name	Position	Year Appointed
Carl J. Peterson	Superintendent	1953
Clara M. Cook	Music Supervisor	1948
Minnie N. Davis, R. N.	School Nurse	1945
HIGH SCHOOL		
Guy E. Harrington	Principal High School and 6-7-8 Grades	1943
Elwyn J. Doubleday	Assistant Principal, Science	1947
Chester B. Eisold	Mathematics, Social Science, Basketball Coach	1948
Elizabeth M. Huller	English and French	1952
Florence Jackson	Household Arts, Science	1946
Angela LeGrand	Commercial Subjects	1951
Sophia M. Pero	Latin and English	1941
Ada W. Tague	Social Studies	1946
Gerald G. Tremaine	Mathematics, Social Sciences	1952
Bernadette Bowler	Grades 7-8, Language, Arts, and Mathematics	1942
Janet Ross	Grades 7-8, Social Studies	1953
Donald Geer	Grades 7-8, Mathematics, Science, Baseball Coach	1950
Madeleine R. Lambert	Grade 6	1924

CENTER SCHOOL		
Marion K. Shaw	Principal, and Grades 4-5	1926
Doris Crespi	Grade 1	1953
Irene B. Orlando	Grades 1-2	1917
Mildred Robbins	Grade 2	1953
Alice Flaherty	Grade 3	1922
Vera Harrington	Grade 4	1944
LIBRARY		
Blanche Austin	Grade 3	1953
OLD TOWN HALL		
Beverly Ann Royce	Grade 4	1952
Ruth Rietzel	Grade 5	1951
FRANKLIN SCHOOL		
Eleanor Fitzgerald	Principal, Grades 1-2	1931
Nellie Shea	Grades 3-4	1901
Mildred Carter	Grades 5-6	1943
UNION SCHOOL		
Emma Loftus	Grades 1-2-3	1948
CUSTODIANS		
George M. Dewey	High School and Center	1947
William Kimball, Jr.	Town Hall, Household Arts, Assist. at High School	1950
Albert Dudek	Franklin School	1948
William Aldrich	Union School	1950

Report of Regional School Planning Committee

This committee was appointed by the moderator, as directed by vote of special town meeting, November 2, 1953. The committee organized with Isaac A. Hodgen as chairman. The committee has met twice with a like committee appointed by the Town of Granby. On one of these occasions, representatives of the State Building Assistance Commission were present. The Belchertown-Granby Regional Committee has organized with Mrs. Dickinson as chairman and W. E. Shaw as clerk.

Your committee considers that the two towns are largely residential and agricultural areas, and that our educational goals should be identical. The Belchertown High School room facilities will be adequate until 1957, according to statistics furnished the committee by local school authorities. After that year, the High School will be overcrowded, and that problem will become more acute each year, as is demonstrated by the number of pupils now enrolled in the elementary grades.

The committee is of the opinion that Belchertown has assumed all of the debt burden it can safely carry for several years.

The town should begin to plan for the enlargement of the High School building, or to enter a Regional District organization. If the town elects to take care of the problem on a local basis, the cost will eventually exceed that of a Regional set-up.

A Regional plan of like size of the Belchertown-Granby pupil requirements calls for an outlay slightly in excess of $1,600,000 for buildings. The State will assume 65% of the building costs, in the case of the joining of Belchertown and Granby. Using the building costs above cited as an example, the remaining costs for the towo towns would be $560,000. From an educational standpoint, the advantages are far greater than those to be calculated in money.

When the Regional School is functioning, the State reimbursements for operational costs would increase by 15% over the proportions now received by the separate towns. The State would assume all of the transportation costs.

The committee believes that further investigation should be made to determine if a Regional School District should be organized. This is submitted as a report of progress.

ISAAC A. HODGEN
E. CLIFTON WITT, SR.
WILLIAM E. SHAW
Committee

Appendix

Statistical Report of Town Clerk

BIRTHS RECORDED 1953

Date	Name	Parents
January		
5	Lois Carrie Nulman	Saul J. and Roseann Endelson
6	John Raymond Allen	John and Margaret Pike
14	Sarah Jean Burke	Richard Vincent, Jr., and Ruth Edna Brown
15	Diane Lynn Ducharme	Ernest and Claire LeBlanc
16	Helen Louise Wilczek	Joseph and Iris Pope
17	Denise Marie Fay	Carl Roy and Irene Jeannette Roberge
February		
5	Debra Jane Morey	Robert C. and Jane L. Kimball
16	Richard Larry Tenoria	Edward Basilio and Kathleen Ann Diaz
23	John Adam Rush	John Alfred and Dorothy May Bassett
26	Michael Ousey	John Thomas and Mary Theresa McHugh
March		
6	Shirley Marie Thayer	Kenneth W. and Dorothy E. Whittaker
10	Wayne Earl Henrichon	Earl Francis and Betty Jane Bishop

31	Beverly Mae Brown	Albert Woodrow and Shirley Mae Rose
April		
8	Mary Pietryka	Frank and Julia Agnes Czech
9	Gregory Noel Normand	Noel Leo and Simone G. Gregoire
11	George Gilbert Geer	Donald Edward and Priscilla Vaughn
12	John Robert Eskett	Charles Henry and Mary Elizabeth Lane
15	Lorraine Lysik	Stanley and Nellie Pauline Mitus
24	William Gale Welch	Ralph R. and Bernice Bean
May		
7	Robert Keith White	Robert Amos and Grace E. Dodge
17	Fredrica Edith Very	Frederick Samuel and Pearl Edith Webb
17	Lawrence LaValley	Alfred Oliver and Geraldine LaFlam
22	Mark Henry Kibler	John R. and Margot E. Frenzel
25	Clifford John Holt	Clifford Ellery and Helen Stephanie Olszowy
27	Debra Lynn Ableman	Stuart Duane and Helga Ida Skibbe
28	Cynthia Marie Gaudette	Joseph L. and Lorraine Provost
June		
22	Wendy Jean Dodge	Walter Edwin and Audrey E. Webb
23	Eileen Claire Austin	Joseph F. and Claire E. Sullivan
23	June Elizabeth Mercier	Joseph and Theodoria Davis
July		
1	David Roy Lovett	Lawrence William and June Pearl Joyce
17	Edith Elsie Ely	Robert Everett and Mabel Isabella Fay
20	Ronald Joseph Theroux	Armand W. and Doris A. Rivers
24	Franklin Edward Alden	Merton Frederick, Jr., and Alice Marie Young

27	Billy Frank Abbott	Benjamin Franklin and Mattie Marie Cox
August		
2	Judith Anita Ducharme	Alfred L. and Beatrice Gallegos
5	Mary Kay Berberich	Keith Monroe and Pauline Alice Robinson
7	Linda Jean Gray	John Walter, Jr., and Constance Ann Noel
7	Barbara Ann Valatka	Vincent Victor and Alice Mary Obremski
7	John Lloyd Bodzinski	Thaddeus O. and Alice L. Heath
8	Joanne Louise Jourdian	Charles Loomis and Joan Estelle Hill
27	Lawrence Joseph Bronner	Lawrence Joseph and Marilyn Fay Fleurent
25	Daniel Francis Shea	Daniel Patrick and Lucille Edna Price
September		
7	Jeanne Marie Joyal	James O. and Rose A. Demers
22	Arthur Howard Brennan	Arthur Howard and Dorothy Margaret McKillop
October		
1	David Burnett Ketchen	Andrew G. and Priscilla Harrington
5	Rita Mary Mailloux	Frederick E. and Jeannetta R. Couture
12	Buster David Girouard	Leo David and Thelma Juliet Webster
17	Mark Christopher Nute	Frank and Claire Lamoureux
20	David Philby Kimball, Jr.	David Philby and Eleanor Ann Newman
20	Elizabeth Ann Rogers	Florian Edward and Diane M. Allen

22	Terrence Brownlee Owen	Frederick and Edith Brown
23	Elizabeth Mary Flanagan	Joseph F. and Dorothy E. Albert
26	James Van Norden Tucker	Nathan Harold, Jr., and Ruthella M. Conkey
29	Zoe Whitney Fay	Winford Earl and Alma Grace Yarter
November		
8	Tina Marie Varzeas	Amilcar and Nancy Ann Kimball
14	Gary Roland Ransbottom	Guy, Junior and Mary Joan Miller Hauser
16	Mary Louise Opalenik	George and Gertrude L. Blanan
26	Richard Donald Methot, Jr.	Richard D. and Jean A. Squires
December		
3	Jarvis	Albert and Mary Weston
4	Clarissa Irene Gay	Edward H. and Joyce G. Austin
5	Beverly Joyce Harrop	Robert E. and Joyce Fleurent
5	David Albert Brooke, Jr.	David Albert and Marie Charlotte Dodge
9	Gary Michael Bock	Elwyn Herman and Nancy Ellen Tilton
10	Deborah Kathleen Peffer	Walter Leo and Gurlena Amanda Murphy
15	Donald James Reding, Jr.	Donald James and Ann Marie Russell
17	Jo-Ann Elizabeth Avery	John W. and Mary R. McKillop

MARRIAGES RECORDED 1953

January

10 Reynold A. Billeter, Holdredge, Neb.
Helen M. Bigda, Palmer

24 John Joseph Nikodem, Palmer
Josephine Agnes Czech, Belchertown

February

14 Charles Bernard Joyal, Belchertown
Evangeline Mary McGuire, Chicopee

21 Clifford Leslie Nickerson, Springfield
Alva Viola Fournier, Belchertown

March

8 Floyd Raymond Peeso, Belchertown
Luana Mae Kelly, Limestone, Me.

14 Jerry Felix Robinson, Jr., Hartford, Conn.
Marie Stuart Scullin, Hartford, Conn.

31 Herbert Yeaton, Belchertown
Johanna Ruth Partridge Stagnaro, Springfield

April

6 Edmond Alamanza LeBeau, Palmer
Jean Ann Shumway, Belchertown

11 Lawrence Joseph Bronner, Belchertown
Marilyn Fay Fleurent, Belchertown

11 Michael Joseph Czech, Belchertown
Helen B. Koziol, Ware

13 George Charles Hodgen, Belchertown
Sophia Caroline Chmielewska, Greenfield

11 Walter R. Merriam, Belchertown
Jean C. Petruski, Lake Pleasant

18 Richard Donald Methot, Springfield
Jean Ann Squires, Belchertown

18 Donald Walter Mason, Belchertown
Irene Dianna Cote, Belchertown

24 Robert Maynard Witt, Belchertown
Josephine Edith Homans Carpenter, Ware

May

16 Albert Paul Palmere, Palmer
Bernice June Alden, Belchertown

30 Roger L. Lepine, Belchertown
Beatrice C. Fournier, Holyoke

June

3 Edward Arthur Henrichon, Jr., Belchertown
Joan Marilyn Kimball, Belchertown

13 Kenneth Sylvester Slate, Ludlow
Gloria Ann Martin, Belchertown

20 George Bradley Wyman, Pelham
Pearl May Green, Belchertown

21 Earl Raymond Fay, Belchertown
Nancy Ann Sanders, Sunderland

27 Ralph Richard Miller, Belchertown
Amelia Cecile Smola, Belchertown

27 William Franklin Kimball, Jr., Belchertown
Edna June Lois Germain, Belchertown

July

4 Fred Ziwot, Springfield
Lillian J. Gill, Palmer

5 Herschel Bacon Burt, Weston
Thelma Merle Ketchen, Belchertown

11 Arthur Philip Perrault, Granby
Lucy Teresa Pelletier, Belchertown

August

1 Raymond Charles Bronner, Belchertown
Marie Claire Brunelle, Chicopee

1 Louis Peet, Belchertown
Marie Rose Aurore Danis Crowley, Belchertown

8 William Gerry Whitlock, Belchertown
Muriel Ann Eaton, Calais, Me.

29 Richard L. Metcalf, Springfield
Sophie D. Dusza, Palmer

29 Albert Joseph Chartier, Belchertown
Marie Rose St. Pierre, Springfield

September

5 Irving Robert Hislop, Belchertown
Virginia Mae Booth, Belchertown

7 Leonard Joseph Chartier, Belchertown
Shirley Flora Page, Belchertown

October

10 Norman Stewart Loftus, Belchertown
Constance Mary Socha, Belchertown

November

14 Paul Edmond McLaughlin, Springfield
Jeanette Rita Noel, Belchertown

21 Herbert Earl Squires, Belchertown
June Ruth Brown, Belchertown

21 Robert B. West, Rockville, Conn.
Bernice H. Staniszewska, Palmer

25 Nunzio John Celona, Barre, Mass.
Anna Teresa Geslock, Belchertown

26 Euclide A. Labrecque, Belchertown
Mary Albina Bleau, Palmer

28 Bernard Cartwright, Pelham
Gay Ann Stone, Pelham

28 Frank Lawrence Wolanik, Belchertown
Mary Agnes Skrzyniarz Barry, Belchertown

30 Dwight Charles Randall, Belchertown
May Estella Horr Carpenter, Belchertown

December
19 Elmer Lamont Middlemast, Belchertown
Grace May Sharon Scribner, Belchertown
31 Edward Charles Lamson, Belchertown
Eunice Mary Yarter Irwin, Pelham

DEATHS RECORDED 1953

Date	Name and Place of Death	Age		
		yrs.	mos.	dys.
January				
7	Lawrence Albert Rhodes, Ware	19	11	12
13	Edwin James Ward, Chicopee	97	4	14
17	George E. Lovely, Belchertown	17	9	1
17	Karl Ray, Belchertown		7	17
19	Horace Earl Fay, Belchertown	59	11	27
29	William Edward Riley, Belchertown	51	9	8
February				
1	Arthur Lincoln North, Belchertown	73	1	22
11	Arthur Robert Ketchen, Pelchertown	92	2	11
12	Susan Arnfield Parham, Belchertown	80	4	27
16	Carole Onn Nettelbladt, Belchertown	10	7	5
20	Ida Buttner, Belchertown	63		5
23	Walter M. Richardson, Belchertown	64	11	11
25	Alan Craig Peterson, Belchertown	3	9	19
25	Howard Harvey Dickinson, Belchertown	71	11	3
27	Richard Baker, Northampton	82	2	8
27	Arthur Garfield Pratt, Northampton	69	10	19
March				
1	Mary C. O'Brien, Belchertown	4	4	
4	Minnie Myrtle Goodell Judd, Belchertown	75	6	8
7	Alphonso G. Robbins, Belchertown	65		27

Date	Name and Place of Death	Age yrs.	 mos.	 dys.
10	Theodore Bond Harwood, Belchertown	49	8	15
12	Martin Jay Ransbottom, Belchertown	3	4	10
12	Cheryl Ann Vioski, Belchertown	2	9	3
15	Harold William Vincent, Belchertown	56	1	9
19	Hannah Fenton Sullivan, Belchertown	85		
24	Kathleen Mary Foley, Belchertown	4	5	7
24	Kevin Thomas Foley, Belchertown	5	6	23
24	Kenneth Charles Foley, Belchertown	5	6	23
24	Julia L. Slyvert, Belchertown	78	6	25
30	Lula E. Malefakis, Belchertown	24	7	29
April				
1	Donna Elaine Marcotte, Belchertown	7	7	5
6	Marie McInerney, Belchertown	27	3	15
24	Clement Horace Laird, Ludlow	80	6	8
May				
12	John Miller Shaffer, Holyoke	57	3	11
June				
6	Robert Joseph Cormier, Belchertown	15	3	21
8	Joseph Sullivan, Holyoke	30	1	
11	Albert R. Smith, Palmer	74	7	30
14	Ellen C. Sullivan, Springfield	66		17
17	Harry Emery Sessions, Northampton	66	11	15
22	Walter Lyman Brown, Belchertown	87	9	17
27	Robert P. O'Brien, Belchertown	51	1	20
July				
2	Cora Lillian Mitchell Steen, Belchertown	80	3	22
30	Anna R. Gold, Boston	65		11
August				
3	John C. Bigos, Ludlow	51		28
8	Ernest Stebbins, Belchertown	58	11	18

Date	Name and Place of Death	Age yrs.	 mos.	 dys.
14	Joseph Parent, Holyoke	75	5	8
24	Robert Noble Baggs, Holyoke	62	4	21
26	Oliva Fred Fontaine, Belchertown	64	1	1
29	Anthony Peloquin, Belchertown	56	9	
September				
3	Henry R. Gould, Ware	84	3	18
17	Loran A. Eldridge, Belchertown	45		10
30	Alfred Samson, Holyoke	73		
October				
5	Richard Beland, Belchertown	7	7	19
19	James E. Dwyer, Jr., Belchertown	19	1	19
22	Frederick C. Taylor, Belchertown	74	6	16
22	Eliza Hughes Evans, Ludlow	79		
November				
1	Ozias Letourneau, Belchertown	21	9	17
2	Carl Stewart Shaw, Northampton	76	8	12
7	Leon Jesse Tucker, Belchertown	63	11	16
8	James Ephrum Isaac, Belchertown	73	4	27
12	Emma DeGuise, Belchertown	85		
14	Elizabeth Armstrong, Belchertown	59	2	17
20	James E. Fitzgerald, Belchertown	76		16
21	Arlin Marsh Chadwick, Amherst	62	9	29
24	Frank Cotton Merriam, Belchertown	61	1	13
December				
4	Bridget Della Sullivan, Belchertown	69		
14	Dorrance T. Green, Belchertown	5	10	18
20	Francis H. Daly, Belchertown	10	4	
26	William Dansereau, Derby, Vt.	50		

Minutes of Annual Town Meeting

ARTICLES IN WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING FEBRUARY 2 AND 9, 1953

Art. 1. To choose the following named officers by nomination: two Almoners of the Whiting Street and the Mrs. Susan M. D. Bridgman Funds, each for one year; one trustee of the Calvin Bridgman Fund for three years.

Art. 2. To hear the reports of the officers of the town and of any committees that may have been appointed by the town and act thereon.

Art. 3. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as shall be deemed necessary to defray the expenses listed in the Finance Committee report for the current financial year and act thereon.

Art. 4. To see if the town will vote to give to Clapp Memorial Library the balance of the dog license fund after damages are paid, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 5. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 81 Highways, or take any action in relation thereto.

Art. 6. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a a sum of money for Chapter 90 Highway Construction, on Chauncey D. Walker Street, Route 21, on the canal curve, or take any action in relation thereto.

Art. 7. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 90 Highway Maintenance, or take any action in relation thereto.

Art. 8. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from the Road Machinery Earnings Account the sum of $5,000.00 to the Road Machinery Expense Account, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 9. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from the Road Machinery Earnings Account the sum of $2,000.00 to pay a note issued in 1949, for the purchase of road machinery, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 10. To see if the town will authorize the payment of $130.00 for the salaries of the School Committee for the year ensuing, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 11. To see if the town will vote to allow the Cemetery Commissioners to appoint themselves to work in the cemeteries at a rate not to exceed 90 cents per hour for the year 1953, as provided for in the General Laws, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 12. To see if the town will vote to authorize the payment of $200 for salaries of the Sewer Commissioners for the year ensuing, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 13. To see if the town will vote to allow the Sewer Commissioners to appoint themselves to work on the town sewer system at a rate not to exceed $1.50 per hour for the year 1953, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 14. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of revenue of the municipal year beginning January 1, 1953, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 15. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from the

Insurance Reserve Account the sum of $565.00 to the Insurance Account, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 16. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums for bills incurred in 1952:

Ernest M. Gay, Police	$34.29
Belchertown Sentinel, Police	.77
Lewis H. Blackmer, Assessors	8.75
Sewer Commissioners, Salaries	150.00
D. Donald Hazen, Sewers	6.41
Tighe & Bond, Sewers	40.50
Sundry Persons, Vocational Education	71.07
Kelly The Florist, Armistice Day	47.50

or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 17. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the War Memorial Fund, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 18. To see if the town will vote to rescind any previous action taken under Section 1 of Chapter 41, of the General Laws relative to the length of term of office of the Selectmen, or take any other action relative thereto.

Art. 19. To see if the town will vote to establish the length of term of office for the Selectmen as three years, provided that at the annual town elections for 1954, one Selectman shall be elected for three years, one for two years, one for one year, and in each succeeding year, one Selectman shall be elected for a term of three years; or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 20. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell or trade a 1948, 1½ ton Ford dump truck, and to use the proceeds toward the purchase of a new truck, and further that a sum of money from the Road Machinery Earnings Account be made available to pay any balance on such purchase, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 21. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to purchase a mower attachment for the shovel loader, and further that a sum of money be appropriated from the Road Machinery Earnings Account to purchase same; or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 22. To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to purchase on behalf of the town, the Boron property, located between East Walnut and Cottage Streets, to the rear of the Fire Station, at a price not to exceed $3,000.00, and to raise and appropriate the necessary funds for the acquiring of the same, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 23. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the repair of parapets and stone coping of Memorial Hall, or act otherwise thereon.

Art. 24. To see if the town will vote to accept the public parking area, as constructed on the South end of the Common, and to discharge the Committee in charge, with a vote of thanks, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 25. To see if the town will adopt the proposed By-Laws for the control of traffic in the town parking area at the south end of the common and on Park Street, or act otherwise thereon.

Proposed Town By-Laws for the Control of Traffic in the Town Parking Area at the South End of the Common ,and on Park Street

Section 1. The entrance to and exit from the town parking area as now established on the southerly end of the common, shall be at locations to be established by order of the Board of Selectmen after a public hearing, and they shall be clearly designated by signs.

Section 2. It shall be unlawful for any person to drive a motor vehicle into or out of said parking area by any route or way other than the entrance or exit established and designated by order of the Selectmen.

Section 3. The operator of a motor vehicle about to enter said parking area shall proceed at a speed that is reasonable under the circumstances, but in no event at more than eight (8) miles per hour.

Section 4. The operator of a motor vehicle about to leave said parking area shall stop his vehicle before passing through the exit into the public highway, unless otherwise ordered by a police officer.

Section 5. The operator of a motor vehicle within the parking area shall proceed at a speed that is reasonable under the circumstances, but in no event over eight (8) miles per hour.

Section 6. The operator of a motor vehicle within the parking area shall park his vehicle in one of the several spaces designated on the ground and/or indicated by signs to be posted by order of the Selectmen.

Section 7. The Board of Selectmen are authorized and empowered to close said parking area, or any part thereof, to public use, if such action is deemed necessary or expedient in the making of repairs or improvements thereon.

Section 8. It shall be unlawful for any person to throw, deposit or leave any waste, rubbish or other similar materials within said parking area, or on any public way, or common, adjacent thereto.

Section 9. Vehicles shall be parked along the easterly side of Park Street parallel to the easterly line of said Street, and in no other manner, except that no parking of any kind shall be permitted in areas opposite the entrance or exit to said parking area, and said prohibited area shall be clearly designated and posted by order of the Board of Selectmen.

Section 10. No person shall park a motor vehicle on the easterly side of Park Street from Gould's Service Station to St. Francis Rectory driveway, for more than one hour on any one occasion during the day from 7.00 A. M. until 6 P. M.

Section 11. Parking of vehicles is hereby prohibited along the westerly side of Park Street.

Section 12. Violations of any of the provisions of the foregoing Sections 1 through 11, inclusive, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding Ten ($10) Dollars for each offense, to be recovered as provided in Section 21 of Chapter 40 of the General Laws.

Art. 26. To see if the town will accept the report of the Town Planning Board relative to proposed town zoning by-law.

Art. 27. Relative to Town Zoning. No by-law adopted under Article.

Art. 28. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of $480.00 for the purchase of Sewer Cleaning Equipment, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 29. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purchase of a pumping engine and the necessary equipment therefor, for the Fire Department, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 30. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow a sum of money not to exceed $10,000.00, and to issue a note or notes of the town therefor, payable in not more than five years from date of issue; this debt to be incurred for the purchase of a pumping engine and the necessary equipment therefor, for the Fire Department, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 31. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the income earned from the proceeds of the loan invested under authority of Section 55, Chapter 44, of the General Laws, for the payment of interest on the 1953 maturing debt, or act otherwise thereon.

Art. 32. To see if the town will vote to appropriate an amount as recommended by the Finance Committee from Surplus Revenue to be used by the Assessors in establishing the tax rate for 1953, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 33. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to rent the Common for concessions at the annual fair on October twelfth, beginning in 1953, and to use the profits thus derived to pay at least two Police officers a yearly salary; or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 34. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

TOWN ELECTION FEBRUARY 2, 1953

Polls opened at 9 o'clock A. M. and closed at 7 o'clock P. M. Ballots counted and declared as follows:

Office	Candidate	Votes Precinct A	Votes B	Votes Tot.
Moderator for one year	Lewis H. Blackmer	729	133	862
	Howard Shirtcliff	1		1
Town Clerk for one year	William E. Shaw	735	136	871
Town Treasurer for one year	William E. Shaw	733	132	865
Selectmen for one year	Charles F. Austin	442	89	531
	John W. Avery	453	101	554
	Robert D. Camp	429	95	524
	William S. Cordner	88	31	119
	G. Warren Crockwell	349	48	397
	Charles Henry Gill	110	26	136
	Lyman E. Hubbard	177	59	236
	Michael S. Mathras	142	37	179
School Committee for 3 years	Walter Paige Piper	628	109	737
	Henry Evanson	189	55	244
Cemetery Commissioner, 3 yrs.	Charles F. Austin	485	95	580
	Gould Ketchen	347	67	414
Assessor for 3 years	Frank L. Gold	176	30	206
	Donald E. Kenyon	338	54	392
	Wm. Ira Shattuck	306	82	388
Tree Warden for 1 year	Edward B. Conkey	719	121	840
Constables	Ernest M. Gay	664	122	786
	Frank L. Gold	419	77	496
	Nelson J. Hill	686	104	790
	Andrew T. Sears	681	128	809
	Wallace F. Chevalier	414	84	498
	Kenneth O. Jenks	310	76	386
	Earle A. Rhodes	500	99	599
Sewer Commissioner, 3 years	D. Donald Hazen	712	127	839
Sewer Commissioner, 2 years	Ella A. Stebbins	716	128	844
Planning Board for 5 years	Roy H. King	690	121	811
	Charles F. Austin	1		1
Total Vote Cast		864	189	1053
Registered Voters	Men	670	143	813
	Women	643	133	776
				1,589

ACTIONS TAKEN UNDER ARTICLES IN WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING FEBRUARY 9, 1953

Meeting called to order at 7.30 o'clock P. M. in Lawrence Memorial Hall by Lewis H. Blackmer, Moderator.

Voted to waive the reading of the warrant.

Prayer was offered by Rev. George R. Dudley.

Art. 1. Mrs. Amy B. Witt and Mrs. Sophia M. Pero elected almoners of the Mrs. Susan M. D. Bridgman Poor Fund and the Whiting Street Fund for one year. Lewis H. Blackmer elected trustee of the Calvin Bridgman Fund for three years.

Art. 2. Voted: That the reports of the officers of the town and any committees appointed by the town, excepting the Finance Committee and the Committee appointed to study Union Health Districts, be accepted as printed.

Art. 3. Voted: That the report of the Finance Committee be considered and that each item in the report be accepted as a written motion as required by Town By-Laws.

Voted to appropriate:

Account		Amount	
Selectmen,	Chairman	$175.00	
	Clerk	125.00	
	Other Member	125.00	
	Expenses	200.00	
Town Accountant,	Salary	500.00	
	Expenses	25.00	
Treasurer,	Salary	725.00	
	Expenses	290.00	
Collector,	Salary	700.00	Plus Fees
	Expenses	575.00	

Assessors, Chairman, Salary	300.00	
Other Member	200.00	
Other Member	200.00	
Expenses	500.00	
Town Clerk, Salary	300.00	Plus Fees
Expenses	250.00	
Election and Registration	650.00	
Certification of Notes	20.00	
Law	200.00	
Town Hall	300.00	
Lawrence Memorial Hall	400.00	
Legion Headquarters	350.00	
Police	1,700.00	
Fire Department	2,575.00	
Forest Fires	1,500.00	
Hydrants	1,500.00	
Moth Suppression	600.00*	
Dutch Elm Disease	1,000.00	
Tree Warden	800.00	
Sealer of Weights and Measures	100.00	
Inspector of Wires, Salary	150.00	
Health	800.00	
Sewer Maintenance	2,800.00	
Snow Removal	2,500.00	
Streets	100.00	
Sidewalks	100.00	
Bridges	1,000.00	

*Vote was passed in connection with Moth Suppression appropriation that: If and when a State and County program of Gypsy Moth control is instituted that the Selectmen are hereby authorized to apply any unexpended balance of the appropriation for this Town's share for such program.

Street Lights		2,020.00
Public Welfare		2,500.00
Included in above amount:		
Salary—Chairman	175.00	
Other member	125.00	
Other member	125.00	
Belchertown-Granby Welfare District	1,350.00	
Veterans' Aid		1,000.00
Old Age Assistance		42,500.00
Disability Assistance		2,500.00
Aid to Dependent Children		1,100.00
Schools		129,863.00
Vocational Education		1,500.00
Parsons Field		300.00
Clapp Memorial Library		700.00
Cemeteries		1,050.00
Soldiers' Graves		250.00
Unclassified		600.00
Reserve Fund		3,500.00 from Overlay Reserve
Memorial Day		200.00
Armistice Day		60.00
Honor Roll		20.00
Insurance		3,500.00
Interest		8,370.00
Town Clock		100.00
Public Dump		100.00
Common		150.00
Photostats of Discharges		25.00
Summer Recreation Program		500.00
Civilian Defense		1,900.00
Retirement		741.51
Maturing Debt		24,000.00

Art. 4. Voted: That the town give to Clapp Memorial Library, the balance of the dog license fund after damages are paid.

Art. 5. Voted: That the sum of $4,120.00 be raised and appropriated to meet the town's share of the cost of Chapter 81 Highways, and that in addition the sum of $28,050.00 be transferred from unappropriated available funds in the treasury to meet the State's share of the cost of the work, the reimbursements from the State to be restored, upon their receipt, to unappropriated funds in the treasury.

Art. 6. Voted: That the sum of $1,500.00 be raised and appropriated to meet the town's share of the cost of Chapter 90 Highway Construction on Chauncey D. Walker Street, Route No. 21, on the canal curve, and that in addition the sum of $4,500.00 be transferred from unappropriated available funds in the treasury to meet the State's and County's shares of the cost of the work, the reimbursements from the State and County to be restored upon their receipt to the unappropriated available funds in the treasury.

Art. 7. Voted: That the sum of $1,000.00 be raised and appropriated to meet the town's share of the cost of Chapter 90 Maintenance, and that in addition, the sum of $2,000.00 be transferred from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, to meet the State's and County's shares of the cost of the work, the reimbursements from the State and County to be restored, upon their receipt, to unappropriated available funds in the treasury.

Art. 8. Voted: That the town appropriate from the Road Machinery Earnings Account the sum of $5,000.00 to the Road Machinery Expense Account.

Art. 9. Voted: That the town appropriate from the Road Machinery Earnings Account the sum of $2,000.00 to pay a note issued in 1949 for the purchase of road machinery.

Art. 10. Voted: That the town authorize the payment of $130.00 for the salaries of the School Committee for the year ensuing.

Art. 11. Voted: That the town allow the cemetery commissioners to appoint themselves to work in the cemeteries at a rate not to exceed 90 cents per hour for the year 1953, as provided in the General Laws.

Art. 12. Voted: That the town authorize the payment of $200.00 for the salaries of the sewer commissioners for the year ensuing.

Art. 13. Voted: That the town allow the sewer commmissioners to appoint themselves to work on the town sewer system, at a rate not to exceed $1.50 per hour for the year 1953.

Art. 14. Voted: That the town authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of revenue of the municipal year beginning January 1, 1953, and to issue a note or notes of the town therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, of the General Laws. Vote was unanimous.

Art. 15. Voted: That the town appropriate from the Insurance Reserve Account the sum of $565.00 to the Insurance Account.

Art. 16. Voted: That the town raise and appropriate the following listed sums for bills incurred in 1952:

Ernest M. Gay, Police	$34.29
Belchertown Sentinel, Police	.77
Lewis H. Blackmer, Assessors	8.75
Sewer Commissioners, Salaries	150.00
D. Donald Hazen, Sewers	6.41
Tighe & Bond, Sewers	40.50
Sundry Persons, Vocational Education	71.07
Kelly, The Florist, Armistice Day	47.50

Vote was unanimous.

Art. 17. Voted: That the town raise and appropriate the sum of $500.00 for the War Memorial Fund.

Art. 18. Voted: That any previous vote taken under Section 1, Chapter 41 of the General Laws relative to the length of term of office of the Selectmen is hereby rescinded.

Art. 19. Voted: That the term of office of the members of the Board of Selectmen shall be three years, provided that at the annual town elections in 1954, one Selectman shall be elected for three years, one for two years and one for one year; and in each succeeding year one Selectman shall be elected for a term of three years.

Art. 20. Voted: That the town authorize the Selectmen to sell or trade a 1948, 1½ ton Ford dump truck, and to use the proceeds toward the purchase of a new truck and further that a sum not exceeding $2,500.00 be appropriated from the Road Machinery Earnings Account to pay any balance on such purchase.

Art. 21. Voted: That the town authorize the Selectmen to purchase a mower attachment for the shovel-loader and that the sum of $495.00 be appropriated from the Road Machinery Earnings Account to purchase the same.

Art. 22. Voted: That the town authorize the Selectmen to purchase or take by eminent domain, on behalf of the town, the Boron property located between East Walnut and Cottage Streets, at a price not to exceed $3,000.00, said amount to be appropriated from available funds in the treasury.

Art. 23. Voted: That the town raise and appropriate the sum of $1,000.00 for the repair of parapets and stone coping of Memorial Hall, under the direction of the Selectmen.

Art. 24. Voted: That the town accept the public parking area as constructed on the south end of the Common, and that the Committee in charge is hereby discharged with a vote of thanks.

Art. 25. Voted: That the town accept the proposed by-laws, for the control of traffic in the town parking area on the south end of the Common and on Park Street, viz:

APPENDIX

Town By-Laws for the Control of Traffic in the Town Parking Area at the South End of the Common and on Park Street

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Section 2. It shall be unlawful for any person to drive a motor vehicle into or out of said parking area by any route or way other than the entrance or exit established and designated by order of the Selectmen.

Section 3. The operator of a motor vehicle about to enter said parking area shall proceed at a speed that is reasonable under the circumstances, but in no event at more than eight (8) miles per hour.

Section 4. The operator of a motor vehicle about to leave said parking area shall stop his vehicle before passing through the exit into the public highway, unless otherwise ordered by a police officer.

Section 5. The operator of a motor vehicle within the parking area shall proceed at a speed that is reasonable under the circumstances, but in no event over eight (8) miles per hour.

Section 6. The operator of a motor vehicle within the parking area shall park his vehicle in one of the several spaces designated on the ground and/or indicated by signs to be posted by order of the Selectmen.

Section 7. The Board of Selectmen are authorized and empowered to close said parking area, or any part thereof, to public use, if such action is deemed necessary or expedient in the making of repairs or improvements thereon.

Section 8. It shall be unlawful for any person to throw, deposit or leave any waste, rubbish or other similar materials within said parking area, or on any public way, or common, adjacent thereto.

Section 9. Vehicles shall be parked along the easterly side of Park Street parallel to the easterly line of said Street, and in no other manner, except that no parking of any kind shall be permitted in areas opposite the entrance or exit to said parking area, and said prohibited area shall be clearly designated and posted by order of the Board of Selectmen.

Section 10. No person shall park a motor vehicle on the easterly side of Park Street from Gould's Service Station to St. Francis Rectory driveway, for more than one hour on any one occasion during the day from 7.00 A. M. until 6 P. M.

Section 11. Parking of vehicles is hereby prohibited along the westerly side of Park Street.

Section 12. Violations of any of the provisions of the foregoing Sections 1 through 11, inclusive, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding Ten ($10) Dollars for each offense, to be recovered as provided in Section 21 of Chapter 40 of the General Laws.

Vote was unanimous.

Art. 26. No action taken.

Art. 27. Voted: To indefinitely postpone action.

Art. 28. Voted: That the town raise and appropriate the sum of $480.00 for the purchase of Sewer Cleaning Equipment and allocate it with the proportions of other sewer indebtedness.

Art. 29. Voted: That the town appropriate a sum not exceeding $16,000.00 for the purchase of a pumping engine and necessary equipment therefor, for the Fire Department, and the sum of $6,000.00 is hereby appropriated from available funds for that purpose.

Art. 30. Voted: That the town authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow a sum of money not to exceed $10,000.00 and to issue a note or notes of the town therefor, payable in not more than five years from date of issue; this debt to be incurred for the purchase of a pumping engine and the necessary equipment therefor for the fire department. Vote was unanimous.

Art. 31. Voted: That the town appropriate $1,486.80 earned from the proceeds of the loan invested under authority of Section 55, Chapter 44, of the General Laws, for the payment of interest on the town debt.

Art. 32. Voted: That the town appropriate the sum of $14,200.00 as recommended by the Finance Committee from Surplus Revenue, to be used by the Assessors in establishing the tax rate for 1953.

Art. 33. Voted: To indefinitely postpone action.

Art. 34. Selectmen announced appointment of Elliott S. Cordner and G. Warren Crockwell as members of the Finance Committee for terms of three years each.

Voted: To adjourn at 9.27 o'clock P. M.

APPENDIX

Town By-Laws for the Control of Traffic in the Town Parking Area at the South End of the Common ,and on Park Street

Section 1. The entrance to and exit from the town parking area as now established on the southerly end of the common, shall be at locations to be established by order of the Board of Selectmen after a public hearing, and they shall be clearly designated by signs.

Section 2. It shall be unlawful for any person to drive a motor vehicle into or out of said parking area by any route or way other than the entrance or exit established and designated by order of the Selectmen.

Section 3. The operator of a motor vehicle about to enter said parking area shall proceed at a speed that is reasonable under the circumstances, but in no event at more than eight (8) miles per hour.

Section 4. The operator of a motor vehicle about to leave said parking area shall stop his vehicle before passing through the exit into the public highway, unless otherwise ordered by a police officer.

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Section 6. The operator of a motor vehicle within the parking area shall park his vehicle in one of the several spaces designated on the ground and/or indicated by signs to be posted by order of the Selectmen.

Section 7. The Board of Selectmen are authorized and empowered to close said parking area, or any part thereof, to public use, if such action is deemed necessary or expedient in the making of repairs or improvements thereon.

Section 8. It shall be unlawful for any person to throw, deposit or leave any waste, rubbish or other similar materials within said parking area, or on any public way, or common, adjacent thereto.

Section 12. Violations of any of the provisions of the foregoing Sections 1 through 11, inclusive, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding Ten ($10) Dollars for each offense, to be recovered as provided in Section 21 of Chapter 40 of the General Laws.

Boston, Mass., May 13, 1953

The within by-laws are hereby approved with the exception of Sections 9, 10 and 11, which are hereby disapproved.

(Signed) George Fingold, Attorney General

Belchertown, Mass., May 29, 1953
A true copy, Attest:
William E. Shaw,
Town Clerk

APPENDIX

TRAFFIC RULES AND ORDERS

At a meeting of the Board of Selectmen held in the Town of Belchertown on May 14, 1953 the following vote was passed:
VOTED:

ARTICLE I

Definitions

For the purpose of these rules and orders, the words and phrases used herein shall have the following meanings except in those instances where the context clearly indicates a different meaning.

(a) "Street or Highway". The entire width between property lines of every way open to the use of the public for the purpose of travel.

(b) "Roadway". That portion of a street or highway between the regularly established curb lines or that part, exclusive of shoulders, improved and intended to be used for vehicular traffic.

(c) "Lane". A longitudinal division of a roadway into a strip of sufficient width to accommodate the passage of a single line of vehicles.

(d) "Vehicle". Every device in, upon or by which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon any street or highway, except devices moved by human power or used exclusively upon stationary rails or tracks.

(e) "Official Traffic Signs". All signs, markings and devices other than signals, not inconsistent with these rules and orders, and which conform to the standards prescribed by the Department of Public Works of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and placed or erected by authority of a public body or official having jurisdiction for the purpose of guiding, directing, warning or regulating traffic.

(f) "Officer". For the purpose of these rules and orders an officer shall be construed to mean any officer, any constable or special officer, provided he has his badge of office displayed over his left breast and upon his outer garment.

(g) "Emergency Vehicles". Vehicles of the Fire Department, Police vehicles, ambulances and emergency vehicles of Federal, State and municipal departments or public service corporations when the latter are responding to any emergency in relation to the police or fire departments.

(h) "Official Street Marking". Any painted line, legend, marking or marker of any description painted or placed upon any way which purports to direct or regulate traffic and which has been authorized by the Board of Selectmen and which has the written approval of the Department of Public Works, Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

ARTICLE II

Authority and Duties of Police

Section 1. Police to Direct Traffic.

It shall be the duty of the Police Department to enforce the provisions of these rules and orders. Officers of the Police Department are hereby authorized to direct all traffic either in person or by means of visible or audible signal in conformance with the provisions of these rules and orders, provided that in the event of a fire or other emergency to expedite traffic or safeguard pedestrians, officers of the Police or

Fire Department may direct traffic, as conditions may require, notwithstanding the provisions of these rules and orders.

Section 2. Police May Close Streets Temporarily.

The police may close temporarily any street or highway in an impending or existing emergency, for any lawful assemblage, demonstration or procession provided there is a reasonable justification for the closing of such street.

Section 3. Police May Prohibit Parking Temporarily.

The police may prohibit, temporarily, parking on any street or highway or part thereof in any impending or existing emergency, or for a lawful assemblage, demonstration or procession provided there is reasonable justification for such prohibition. Vehicles parked in places where parking is prohibited temporarily may be moved by or under the direction of an officer.

Section 4. Exemptions.

The provisions of these rules and orders shall not apply to operators actually engaged in work upon a street or highway closed to travel or under construction or repair, to officers when engaged in the performance of public duties nor to drivers of emergency vehicles while operating in an emergency and in performance of public duties when the nature of the work of any of these necessitates a departure from any part of these rules and orders. These exemptions shall not, however, protect the driver of any vehicle from the consequences of a reckless disregard of the safety of others.

ARTICLE III

Traffic Signs, Signals, Markings and Zones

Section 1. Interference with Signs, Signals and Markings Prohibited.

It shall be unlawful for any persons to wilfully deface, injure, move, obstruct or interfere with any official traffic sign, signal or marking.

Section 2. No driver of any vehicle shall disobey the instructions of any official control signal, sign, marking, marker or legend, unless otherwise directed by a police officer.

ARTICLE IV

Section 1. General Prohibitions.

No person shall park a vehicle in any of the following places, and vehicles found parked in a violation of these provisions of this section may be moved by or under the direction of an officer and at the expense of the owner to a place where parking is permitted.

(a) Within an intersection.
(b) Upon any sidewalk.
(c) Upon any crosswalk.
(d) Upon a roadway in a rural or sparsely settled district.
(e) Upon a roadway where parking is permitted, unless both wheels on the right side of the vehicle are within twelve (12) inches of the curb or the edge of the roadway.
(f) Upon any roadway where parking of a vehicle will not leave a clear and unobstructed lane of at least ten (10) feet wide for passing traffic.
(g) Upon any street or highway within ten (10) feet of a hydrant.

(h) Upon or in front of any private road or driveway.

(i) Upon any street or highway within twenty (20) feet of an intersecting way, except alleys.

Section 2. Prohibited and Limited on Certain Streets.

Upon the following streets or highways or parts thereof, provided that signs have been erected; parking is hereby prohibited or limited as follows:

(a) Vehicles shall be parked along the easterly side of Park Street parallel to the easterly line of said Street, and in no other manner, except that no parking of any kind shall be permitted in areas opposite the entrance or exit to said parking area, and said prohibited area shall be clearly designated and posted by order of the Board of Selectmen.

(b) No person shall park a motor vehicle on the easterly side of Park Street from Gould's Service Station to the St. Francis Rectory driveway for more than one (1) hour on any one occasion during the day from 7:00 A. M. until 6:00 P. M.

(c) Parking of vehicles is hereby prohibited along the westerly side of Park Street.

ARTICLE V

Responsibilities, Penalties and Repeals

Section 1. Owner Prima Facie Responsible for Violations.

If any vehicle is found upon any street or highway in violation of any of the provisions of these rules and orders, and the identity of the driver cannot be determined, the owner or the person in whose name such vehicle is registered, shall be held prima facie responsible for such violation.

Section 2. Penalties.

Any person convicted of a violation of any rule, regulation or order made hereunder, except as otherwise provided, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding twenty (20) dollars for each offense.

Section 3. Repeal.

These rules are adopted with the intent that each of them shall have force and effect separately and independently of every other, except insofar as by express reference or necessary implication any rule or any part of a rule is made dependent upon another rule or part thereof. The provisions of these rules, so far as they are the same in effect as those of any existing valid rules, orders or regulations heretofore made by the Selectmen of Belchertown relative to or in connection with official signs, lights, markings, signal systems or devices, shall be construed as a continuation thereof, but all other existing rules, orders and regulations so made for the regulation of vehicles are hereby expressly repealed. This repeal, however, shall not effect any punishment or penalty imposed or complaint or prosecution pending at the time of the passage hereof for an offense committed under any of the valid rules, orders or regulations, orders or regulations hereby repealed.

Passed by the Board of Selectmen, May 14, 1953.

(Signed)

Robert D. Camp, Sr.
Charles F. Austin
John W. Avery
Board of Selectmen

A true copy, Attest:

William E. Shaw, Town Clerk

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Town of Belchertown

Department of Public Works
100 Nashua Street, Boston

Date May 19, 1953
Permit No. 5687

COMPLETE SET TRAFFIC REGULATION PERMIT

Under the authority of Chapter 85, Section 2, of the General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, the Department of Public Works, hereby approves the Rules and Orders made by the Selectmen of Belchertown on May 14, 1953 with such stipulations and exceptions, if any as are noted herein.

The validity of this permit is contingent upon the conformance of the signs, erected or used in connection with these Rules and Orders, with the Standards prescribed by the Department of Public Works.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
By John A. Volpe
Commissioner of Public Works

B. H. Grout
F. V. Matera
Associate Commissioners.

A true copy, Attest:

William E. Shaw, Town Clerk.

ARTICLES IN WARRANT SPECIAL TOWN MEETING AT LAWRENCE MEMORIAL HALL AT 8 P. M., FRIDAY, JULY 31, 1953

Art. 1. To see if the town will vote to sell or transfer a certain portion of a tract of land recently purchased from Edward Boron to Theodore Smist, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 2. To see if the town will vote to purchase or take by an act of eminent domain, a certain tract of land owned by Theodore Smist, northerly of the Park Lane Inn and southerly of the Fire Station, this action to allow for an addition to be made to the Fire Station, and to appropriate from available funds a sum of money for such purchase or taking, or to take any action relative thereto.

Art. 3. To see if the town will vote to purchase or take by an act of eminent domain, a certain tract of land, now used as a public way connecting Metacomet Street and Federal Street, to appropriate from available funds the sum of one dollar for such purchase or taking, and further that this way be accepted as a public way, or to take any action relative thereto.

Art. 4. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to convey with quitclaim covenants, a certain tract of land, being a portion of a former public way known as Egleston Street and located on the northerly side of property of Kenneth B. Hawkins and Ethel Hawkins, or to take any action relative thereto.

Art. 5. To see if the town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 434 of the Acts of 1953 which is "an act relative to rent control" and whether the town will declare that a substantial shortage of rental housing accommodations exists in the town of Belchertown, and that the control of rents in the town is necessary in the public interest, or take any action relative thereto.

ACTION TAKEN AT SPECIAL TOWN MEETING JULY 31, 1953

Art. 1. Voted: To sell to Theodore Smist a certain portion of a tract of land, said portion measuring approximately fifty (50) feet by one hunderd twenty (120) feet, which the town recently purchased from Edward Boron, the consideration to be received from said Smist to be $800.00.

Art. 2. Voted: That the town buy or take by an act of eminent domain a certain tract of land approximately twenty-eight (28) feet by sixty-four (64) feet, northerly of the Park Lane Inn and southerly of the Fire Station, and to transfer from available funds the sum of $1.00 for such taking.

Art. 3. Voted: That the town take by an act of eminent domain a certain tract of land measuring approximately 2 rods wide and 150 feet in length and now used as a public way connecting Metacomet Street and Federal Street, and that the sum of $1.00 is hereby appropriated from available funds for such taking; and further voted that this way is hereby accepted as a public way.

Art. 4. Voted: That the Selectmen are hereby authorized to convey in behalf of the town with quitclaim covenants the town's interest in a portion of a former public way known as Egleston Street and located on the northerly side of property of Kenneth B. and Ethel Hawkins, for the consideration of ten dollars.

Art. 5. A motion that the town accept the provisions of Chapter 434 of the Acts of 1953 was defeated.

Art. 6. Voted to adjourn at 8.40 o'clock P. M.

ARTICLES IN WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING NOVEMBER 2, 1953

Art. 1. To see if the town will vote to rescind action taken on Article 30 of the Warrant acted on at the Annual Town Meeting held February 9, 1953 (action relative to authorization of loan to purchase a new fire pumper), or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 2. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, and the authorization of the Emergency Finance Board of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to borrow a sum of money not to exceed $10,000.00, and to issue a note or notes of the town therefor, payable in not more than five years from date of issue; this debt to be incurred for the purchase of a pumping engine and the necessary equipment therefor, for the Fire Department, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 3. To see if the town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from available funds, for the construction of an addition to the present Fire Station, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 4. To see if the town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from available funds, for Vocational Education, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 5. To see if the town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from available funds, for the School Department, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 6. To see if the town will vote to have the moderator appoint a Regional School District Planning Board, consisting of three members, one of which is to be a member of the School Committee, as authorized by Section 14, Chapter 638, Acts of 1949 (An Act to authorize the Formation of Regional School Districts), or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 7. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to appoint a committee to investigate the establishment of a public sidewalk along Franklin Street, to the Franklin School, said Committee to report their findings to the Board of Selectmen on or before January 1, 1954, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 8. To see if the town will adopt, reject, or amend and adopt the following proposed by-laws:

ACTIONS TAKEN UNDER ARTICLES IN WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING AT LAWRENCE MEMORIAL HALL, NOVEMBER 2, 1953 AT 7.30 P. M.

Meeting called to order at 7.30 P. M. by Lewis H. Blackmer, Moderator. Voted to waive reading of warrant.

Art. 1. Voted: That the town rescind action taken on Article 30 of the Warrant acted on at the Annual Town Meeting, February 9, 1953 (action relative to the authorization of a loan to purchase a new fire pumper for the Fire Department).

Art. 2. Voted: That the town authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, and the authorization of the Emergency Finance Board of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 56 of the Acts of 1952), to borrow a sum of money not to exceed $10,000.00 and to issue a note or notes of the town therefor, payable in not more than five years from the date of issue; this debt to be incurred for the purchase of a pumping engine and the necessary equipment therefor, for the

Fire Department. Vote was unanimous.

Art. 3. Voted: That the sum of $4,000.00 be appropriated from available funds for the construction of an addition to the present Fire Station.

Art. 4. Voted: That the sum of $900.00 be appropriated from available funds for the Vocational Education Account.

Art. 5. Voted: That the sum of $700.00 be appropriated from available funds for the School Department.

Art. 6. Voted: That the moderator appoint a Regional School District Planning Board, consisting of three members, one of whom shall be a member of the School Committee. Said Board shall study the organization, operation and control of a regional district and school, and shall further estimate construction and operation cost, investigate methods of financing the project, and submit a report of findings and recommendations to the Selectmen of the participating towns; they shall also report to the Annual Town Meeting in February 1954 as to the progress of their findings and deliberations.

Art. 7. Voted: That the Selectmen be instructed to appoint a committee to investigate the establishment of a public sidewalk along Franklin Street to Franklin School; this committee to report their findings to the Board of Selectmen on or before January 1, 1954.

Art. 8. Voted: That the depth of lot on map for the Industrial zone on Everett Avenue (H. B. Ketchen and Son Machine Shop) be changed to the lot depth namely 168 feet, thus prventing part of the buildings as now erected from non-conforming.

A motion to adopt Zoning Laws as printed in Warrant was defeated by a vote of 13 in the affirmative and 82 in the negative.

Art. 9. Voted to adjourn at 8.35 P. M.

APPENDIX

Itemized Report of Receipts and Expenditures

RECEIPTS

GENERAL REVENUE		
Taxes, William E. Shaw, Tax Collector		
Levy of 1950 Real Estate	15.60	
Levy of 1951 Personal	694.06	
Levy of 1951 Real Estate	444.15	
Levy of 1952 Poll	8.00	
Levy of 1952 Personal	3,685.67	
Levy of 1952 Real Estate	10,832.28	
Levy of 1953 Poll	1,618.00	
Levy of 1953 Personal	25,923.82	
Levy of 1953 Real Estate	93,351.03	
Levy of 1951 Motor Vehicle Excise	47.44	
Levy of 1952 Motor Vehicle Excise	3,355.17	
Levy of 1953 Motor Vehicle Excise	20,690.29	160,865.51
Commonwealth of Massachusetts		
Income Tax, School Aid	6,083.07	
Income Tax	32,930.00	
Corporation Tax Business	8,592.05	
Meals Tax, O. A. A.	1,383.02	
M. D. C., in lieu of taxes	1,997.00	
Reimbursement for loss of taxes	3,423.52	54,408.66
Liquor Licenses	2,375.00	
Business Licenses and Permits	296.00	
Court Fines	41.35	2,712.35
Grants and Gifts		
From Federal Government		
Old Age Assistance	23,457.02	
Aid to Dependent Children	365.51	

Disability Assistance	1,011.73	
Support of Indigent Persons	156.00	24,990.26
Commonwealth of Massachusetts		
School Transportation	16,029.00	
Tuition State Wards	7,799.19	
School Superintendent	3,553.33	
Transportation State Wards	2,425.57	
Vocational Education	624.41	
Highways—Chapter 81	28,728.44	
Highways—Chapter 90 Maint.	1,000.00	
Highways—Chapter 90 Constr.	3,000.00	
Livestock Disease Control	100.00	
Temporary Aid and Transportation	50.42	63,310.36
County of Hampshire		
Dog Licenses	699.50	
Chapter 90, Maint.	1,000.00	
Chapter 90, Const.	1,500.00	3,199.50
Fines and Forfeits		
Sale of Lamson Tax Possessions	150.00	
Damage to Highway Posts	14.00	164.00
Total for General Revenue		$309,650.64
COMMERCIAL REVENUE		
Rent Memorial Hall and Town Hall	91.00	
Rent of Common	200.00	
Summer Recreation Program	.52	
Sale of Maps	4.00	
Forest Fires, Central Vermont R. R.	80.18	
Department of Public Health	110.71	
County of Hampshire, dog officer's fees	164.00	
Sale of Town Land to Theodore Smist	800.00	
Tree Warden's Dividend, Eastern States Exchange	1.10	
County of Hampshire, wildcat bounty	10.00	
Sewer Rentals	3,284.92	
Sealer of Weights and Measures fees	41.50	
Town Hall Mat Fund	.30	
Highway Machinery Fund	7,543.25	12,331.48

Reimbursements		
Public Welfare		
Individuals	15.00	
Cities and Towns	51.41	
Aid to Dependent Children		
Commonwealth of Massachusetts	252.17	
Old Age Assistance		
Commonwealth of Massachusetts	23,319.37	
Cities and Towns	2,806.21	
Disability Assistance		
Commonwealth of Massachusetts	579.34	
Veterans' Benefits		
Commonwealth of Massachusetts	680.62	27,704.12
Total for Commercial Revenue		$40,035.60
MUNICIPAL DEBT		
Palmer National Bank, for Fire Truck		10,000.00
INTEREST		
First National Bank of Amherst		
Susan M. D. Bridgman Poor Fund	350.00	
Amherst Savings Bank		
Calvin Bridgman Library Fund	115.82	
George D. Longley School Music Fund	150.40	
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	625.00	
William E. Shaw, Collector, deferred taxes	484.57	1,725.79
AGENCY, TRUST AND INVESTMENT		
High School Athletic Fund	457.20	
Wm. E. Shaw, Town Clerk, dog licenses	1,035.80	
Withholding Tax, Sundry Persons	13,831.72	
Insurance Reserve, Chapter 81 and 90	670.00	
Retirement, Sundry Persons	932.16	
Blue Cross and Health Insurance	2,030.43	
Cemetery Perpetual Care Bequests		
Robert D. Walker, care of Walker Lot, Mt. Hope Cemetery	200.00	
Harry W. Bosworth, Jr., care of Bosworth Lot, Mt. Hope Cemetery	100.00	
Margaret Horton, care of Horton and Norris Lot, South Cemetery	100.00	
Estate of Carlton E. Richardson, care of		

Richardson and Hunt Lot, Hillcrest Cemetery	500.00	
First National Bank of Boston, sale of U. S. Treasury Bills	1,060,000.00	
		$1,079,857.31

REFUNDS AND TRANSFERS

Old Age Assistance, sundry persons	705.31	
Insurance refunds, sundry persons	89.80	
School refunds, sundry persons	83.18	
Road Machinery refunds, sundry persons	42.79	
Treasurer's refund	7.20	
Public Welfare refunds	27.50	
Old Age Assistance Recovery	963.45	1,919.23

Total receipts for year ending Dec. 31, 1953	$1,443,188.57
Cash on hand January 1, 1953	242,469.15
	$1,685,657.72

EXPENDITURES

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Selectmen, Salaries		
Robert D. Camp, Sr.	$175.00	
John Avery	125.00	
Charles F. Austin	125.00	$425.00
Selectmen, Expenses		
George C. Hodgen, clerical	6.00	
Davol Printing House	3.50	
Hobbs & Warren, forms	8.54	
Commonwealth of Massachusetts	.70	
Mass. Selectmen's Association, dues	25.00	
Hampshire County Selectmen's Assn., dues	6.00	
Lewis Blackmer, printing	16.75	
E. Thornton Clark	5.00	
Robert D. Camp, Sr., travel, etc.	39.00	
John Avery, travel, postage, etc.	50.51	
Charles F. Austin, travel, etc.	39.00	200.00

		$625.00
Town Accountant		
Eleanor V. Sporbert, salary		500.00
Lewis Blackmer, printing	6.56	
Commonwealth of Mass., forms	9.66	
Postage	2.78	19.00
		$519.00
Town Treasurer		
William E. Shaw, salary		725.00
Doris Squires, clerical	30.50	
Bell & Hudson, bonding	95.50	
Hobbs & Warren, forms	9.21	
Forbes Snyder, adding machine repairs	16.02	
Mass. Coll. & Treas. Assoc., dues	2.00	
Raymond Warner	4.00	
Postage	126.12	
Palmer Register, Inc.	.30	
Jackson's	7.35	
The Todd Co., Inc.	4.50	
Addressograph & Multigraph	1.70	297.20
		$1,022.20
Collector of Taxes and Town Collector		
William E. Shaw, salary		700.00
Nancy Varzeas, clerical	9.50	
Doris Squires, clerical	93.50	
Lewis Blackmer, printing	90.19	
Hobbs & Warren	21.37	
Postage	169.34	
Bell & Hudson, bonding	183.75	
The Employees Liabilities Corp.	5.00	
Mass. Coll. & Treas. Assoc., dues	2.00	
Misc.	.35	575.00
		$1,275.00
Town Clerk		
William E. Shaw, salary		300.00

American Writing Ink Co., Inc.	.97	
Lewis Blackmer, printing	18.23	
Bell & Hudson, bonding	7.50	
Forbes Snyder	6.93	
Mass. Town Clerks' Assoc., dues	7.50	
William E. Shaw, fees and postage	187.10	
Hobbs & Warren, forms	1.38	
Doris Squires, clerical	17.50	247.11
		$547.11
Assessors		
George E. Booth	300.00	
William Kimball, Jr.	200.00	
Donald Kenyon	200.00	700.00
Doris Squires, clerical	193.50	
Nancy Varzeas, clerical	21.00	
Hobbs & Warren, forms	115.46	
Raymond A. Warner, transfers	120.60	
Massachusetts Assessors' Assoc., dues	9.00	
Stoneham Independent, Inc., tax tables	2.00	
Dupont Express	2.06	
Commonwealth of Mass.	4.78	
George E. Booth, postage, ribbon	4.25	472.65
		$1,172.65
Election and Registration		
Raymond Beaudoin	14.00	
Alice Flaherty	11.00	
Roy G. Shaw	15.00	40.00
Lewis Blackmer, printing	31.80	
Precinct Officers	178.00	
Hobbs & Warren, forms	27.31	
Doris Squires, clerical	24.50	
Margie's Restaurant, lunches	21.82	
Street Listing		
Agnes Samson	60.00	
Minnie Flaherty	60.00	
Rose Wenzel	60.00	463.43
		$503.43

Certification of Notes		
Division of Accounts		10.00
Law		
Morse & Morse, legal advice		427.00
American Legion Headquarters		
Vernon Lodge Building Assn., rent	300.00	
Worcester County Electric Co., lights	17.00	317.00
THE LAWRENCE MEMORIAL HALL		
Worcester County Electric Co., lights	82.51	
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	114.67	
Harry E. Sessions, electrical repairs	3.00	
Richo Products, Inc., sealer and wax	49.00	
Jackson's Store, bulbs	.80	
Lawyers Cooperative Pub. Co., set books	15.00	
Carpenter Mfg. Co.	9.08	
Stanley Pietryka, electrical repairs	4.00	
Forbes Snyder, blue print cabinet	125.55	403.61
REPAIRS TO MEMORIAL HALL		
A. C. Horn Corporation		999.00
OLD TOWN HALL		
Allen & Shumway, repairs	11.00	
Worcester County Electric Co., lights	7.50	
R. C. Gay, express	7.84	
Boston & Maine R. R., express	7.18	
Carpenter Mfg. Co.	9.08	
Richo Products	34.30	
Willard Young, Sr., repairs	124.24	
Elmer K. Carrington, repairs	96.54	297.68
CIVIL DEFENSE		
James McKillop, Director	655.00	
Jackson's Store, supplies	64.21	
New England Tel. & Tel.	117.17	
Railway Express Agency	6.24	
Daisy Mae Restaurant	4.60	
Kampe Motor Sales, ambulance	325.00	
Chicopee Civil Defense Dept., siren	100.00	
Lewis Blackmer, printing	35.05	
Hilltop Studios, photos	11.50	
Postage and Stationery	79.22	
American Red Cross, books	23.50	
Ryther & Warren Co.	11.04	
James McKillop, travel	35.00	

Lena Wilson, conference expenses	16.76	
Nelson Hill	8.85	
Zabek Motor Sales, flood light	250.00	
Forbes Snyder	5.63	
Allen & Shumway	111.92	
Hatry & Young	29.45	
Chadbourne's	7.20	
Miscellaneous	70.00	1,897.34
POLICE		
Clarence Hubbard, traffic officer	561.00	
Nelson Hill, chief	288.25	
Ernest Gay	331.79	
Andrew Sears	205.52	
Wallace Chevalier	159.20	
Earl Rhodes	34.40	
D. Donald Hazen	11.80	
Frank L. Gold	91.52	
Fanny G. Morey, election officer	14.00	
Charles O'Reilley, election officer	12.50	
Squires' Garage	11.75	
J. Raymond Gould, gas	3.79	
Lewis Blackmer	1.58	
Dr. Kenneth L. Collard	5.00	
Ken-More Supply Co., belts	9.20	1,741.30
FIRE DEPARTMENT		
Joseph Kempkes, Sr., salary and permits	395.50	
New England Tel. & Tel.	313.92	
Worcester County Electric	80.00	
Chadbourne's, fuel and gas	248.55	
Jefferson Auto Specialities, Inc.	2.50	
Zabek Motor Sales	15.35	
J. Raymond Gould, gas and oil	269.27	
Squires' Garage	110.70	
S. O. Austin	30.00	
Aime LaPointe, plowing	5.50	
Belchertown Motor Sales	2.00	
Hopkins' Store	11.95	
American-LaFrance Foamite	713.34	
Jackson's Store	7.75	
Massachusetts Fire & Equipment Co.	15.50	
H. E. Kimball & Sons	17.32	
Victor Zabek	56.61	

David G. Deane	2.25	
Webster's	10.00	
Ryther & Warren	22.47	
John Collis	4.00	
Wilbur Eaton	8.00	
James R. Shea	19.50	
Massachusetts Surgical Co.	5.00	
Allen & Shumway	82.57	
Stanley Pietryka	25.45	
Ambulance Services		
William Squires, Jr.	12.00	
Louis Fuller	3.00	
Joseph Kempkes, Jr.	12.00	
Wilbur Eaton	15.00	
John Collis	18.00	
Carl Peterson	3.00	
William Kimball, Jr.	3.00	
Willard Young, Jr.	3.00	
Miscellaneous	11.00	2,575.00
HYDRANT SERVICE		
Belchertown Water District		1,500.00
PURCHASE OF BORON LOT		
Edward H. Boron		3,000.00
FOREST FIRES		
Services at Fires	650.26	
Chadbourne's—fuel, oil, gas, etc.	101.11	
Squires' Garage	2.60	
J. J. Kempkes, Sr., permits	82.40	
Lewis Blackmer	1.00	
Ashley's Garage	8.05	
Zabek Motor Sales	25.65	
American-LaFrance Foamite	396.73	
Worcester County Electric Co.	7.55	
New England Tel. & Tel.	28.30	
James R. Shea	15.45	
A. W. Gifford Co.	4.50	
J. Raymond Gould, gas, oil, etc.	179.96	
Miscellaneous	5.00	1,508.56
INSPECTOR OF WIRES		
Estate of Harry Sessions	75.00	
Stanley Pietryka	75.00	150.00

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES		
Hobbs & Warren, forms	10.89	
R. C. Gay	89.00	99.89
MOTH SUPPRESSION		
Labor, Sundry	183.80	
Pioneer Valley Mist Spray	411.50	
Northern Tree Expert Co.	4.70	600.00
DUTCH ELM DISEASE		
Labor, Sundry	144.15	
Northern Tree Expert Co.	851.97	
Ryther & Warren	2.98	
Chadbourne's	.90	1,000.00
TREE WARDEN		
Labor, Sundry	308.25	
Northern Tree Expert Co.	477.33	
Clifford Rawson, filing saws	8.00	793.58
WILDCAT BOUNTIES		
Edward Peppin		10.00
HEALTH		
Dr. Francis Austin, inspector of animals	200.00	
Doris Squires, clerical	25.00	
John R. Newman, inspector of meats	51.00	
City of Northampton, board and care at Sanitorium	463.50	
Lewis Blackmer, legal notices	5.11	744.61
SEWERS—MAINTENANCE		
Belchertown State School, sewerage disposal		1,855.83
Labor, Sundry		487.77
Hired Equipment and Town		152.25
Material		
Asphalt Pavement	17.40	
Ryther & Warren	38.64	
Simplex Valve & Meter Co.	6.00	
Johns-Manville	208.78	
H. E. Kimball & Sons	3.00	
Allen & Shumway	3.05	
R. C. Gay	1.22	
J. F. McDermott & Co.	18.33	
Zabek Sand & Gravel Co.	3.56	299.98
Salaries		
Milton C. Baggs	100.00	

D. Donald Hazen	75.00	
Ella Stebbins	25.00	200.00
		$2,995.83
SEWER CLEANING EQUIPMENT		
J. F. McDermott & Co.		480.00
TOWN DUMP		
Robert C. Nutting, bulldozing		122.50
HIGHWAYS—CHAPTER 81		
Labor payrolls, sundry		12,252.47
Insurance		538.36
Town Equipment		5,722.55
Hired Trucks and Equipment		4,433.00
Materials		
Asphalt Pavement	1,075.20	
Chemical Corp.	604.05	
New England Culvert Co.	830.88	
Mrs. Marion Baril, sand	228.00	
William Jurczyk	58.52	
Koppers Co., Inc.	4,764.76	
A. Giard & Sons	71.68	
D. D. Ruxton Co.	813.56	
Banas Sand and Gravel	4.00	
John Lane & Son	613.79	
Ryther & Warren	19.90	
Commonwealth of Mass.	94.00	
Boston & Maine R. R.	4.35	
Boston & Springfield Despatch Co.	2.00	9,184.29
		$32,130.67
HIGHWAYS—CHAPTER 90—MAINTENANCE		
Labor payrolls, sundry	1,716.57	
Insurance	77.25	
Hired Equipment	62.10	
Town Equipment	499.30	
Material		
Standard Sign and Signal	15.52	
Asphalt Pavement Co.	357.90	
John Lane & Son, Inc.	33.35	
Koppers Co., Inc.	243.83	650.60

		$3,005.82
HIGHWAYS—CHAPTER 90—CONSTRUCTION		
Labor payrolls, sundry		1,208.68
Town Equipment		237.50
Hired Equipment		2,763.40
Insurance		54.39
Commissioner of Hampshire County		5.00
Material		
Ryther & Warren	2.95	
A. Giard & Sons	65.75	
New England Culvert Co.	193.18	
George Booth, gravel	357.60	
Lionel Grise, Jr.	30.00	
New England Concrete Pipe Co.	1,087.00	1,736.48
		$6,005.45
HIGHWAYS—BRIDGES		
Labor payrolls, sundry	370.08	
W. D. Cowls & Co.	98.40	
Raymond Jenks, plank	504.50	
Hired Equipment ,	42.00	
Town Equipment	77.25	1,092.23
HIGHWAYS—STREETS		
Labor payrolls, sundry	148.15	
H. E. Kimball & Sons	4.85	
The Collins Plumbing Supply Co.	78.27	
Ryther & Warren	29.36	
J. Russell	3.54	
Aubuchon Hardware Co.	19.29	
Lewis Blackmer	20.00	
Commonwealth of Mass., signs	20.00	
Thomas Hanifin, lumber	206.55	
Hired Equipment	2.40	532.41
HIGHWAYS—SIDEWALKS		
R. C. Gay, plowing		14.00
HIGHWAYS—SNOW		
Labor payrolls, sundry	958.14	
S. P. Puffer, Jr., sand	301.88	
Warner Bros., Inc.	391.50	

Hired Equipment	342.20	
Town Equipment	671.75	2,665.47
STREET LIGHTS		
Worcester County Electric Co.		2,020.00
ROAD MACHINERY EXPENSE ACCOUNT		
Labor, sundry	263.84	
Dept. of Corporation and Taxation	51.62	
Belchertown Motor Sales	5.38	
J. Raymond Gould	31.87	
Perkins Milton Co.	539.23	
Socony Vacuum Oil Co.	1,252.41	
Ferrara Springs & Parts	23.35	
Carey's Machine Shop	46.45	
Squires' Garage	99.59	
Parker's Auto Service	101.17	
Chadbourne's, fuel oil, etc.	639.45	
Walsh Holyoke Boiler Works	167.06	
R. C. Gay, express	1.70	
New England Tel. & Tel.	69.32	
Zabek Motor Sales	40.25	
Worcester County Electric	47.80	
Bell & Hudson, insurance	548.41	
John Engel's Garage	562.32	
Frederick W. Sheppard	22.25	
Ryther & Warren	166.05	
Athol-Springfield Despatch	1.00	
Standard Steel Co.	43.89	
Aubuchon Paint & Hardware Co.	9.71	
Belchertown Water District, water	21.60	
Seyffer Motors, Inc.	59.54	
Boston-Springfield Despatch	2.00	
Frederick Lincoln, sander	50.00	
Fisk Tire Service	20.88	
J. Russell & Co., Inc.	24.82	
Railway Express Agency	1.56	
Holyoke Tire Service	136.68	
Nichols Farm Machinery	3.00	
N. Gordon & Sons	3.43	
Allen & Shumway	6.50	
Ira Shattuck	6.40	5,070.53
PURCHASE NEW FIRE APPARATUS		
Zabek Motor Sales		15,999.65

PURCHASE OF NEW TRUCK		
Seyffer Motors, Inc.		2,500.00
PLRCHASE OF NEW MOWER		
Perkins-Milton Co.		495.00
PUBLIC WELFARE		
Salaries		
John Avery	175.00	
Robert Camp, Sr.	125.00	
Charles F. Austin	125.00	
Belchertown-Granby Welfare District	1,350.00	
Commonwealth of Mass., Div. of Child Guardianship	295.86	
Springfield Hospital	28.50	
Cooley Dickinson Hospital	245.50	
Dr. Gerald Hogan	14.00	
Dr. Eugene Holden	3.00	
Groceries, bedding, etc., sundry	139.74	2,501.60
DISABILITY ASSISTANCE—TOWN		
Aid, sundry persons		946.98
DISABILITY ASSISTANCE—FEDERAL GRANT		
Aid, sundry persons		920.80
AID DEPENDENT CHILDREN—TOWN		
Aid, sundry persons		345.96
AID DEPENDENT CHILDREN—FEDERAL GRANT		
Aid, sundry persons		139.29
OLD AGE ASSISTANCE—TOWN APPROPRIATION		
Aid, sundry persons	39,318.67	
Town of Palmer	127.36	
City of Springfield	233.64	
City of Holyoke	17.87	
Town of Ware	72.57	
Town of Amherst	66.54	39,836.65
OLD AGE ASSISTANCE—FEDERAL GRANTS		
Aid, sundry persons	25,476.70	
Administration		
Daniel F. Waters Co.	7.50	25,484.20
VETERANS' AID		
Eleanor Sporbert, clerical	50.00	
Isaac Hodgen, travel	11.06	
Aid, sundry persons	1,405.36	

Fuel, sundry persons	165.11	
Medical, sundry persons	151.05	
Dental, sundry persons	39.00	
Blue Cab, transportation	5.00	
Postage	1.83	1,828.41
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BUILDING		
Sundry persons, advertising	100.86	
Bernhard Dirks, architect	11,060.56	
Russell Snow, surveying	165.00	
Raymond V. Burke, clerking	3,420.00	
Heselton & Tisdale, drafting contract	15.00	
Edward Shyloski, clearing land	1,000.00	
H. P. Cummings Construction Co.	210,854.25	
Labor, sundry persons	49.88	
Hired Equipment	514.39	
Mrs. Marion Baril, gravel	75.00	
E. H. Hartley, foundation	273.56	
F. Deane Avery Associates	36.60	227,565.10
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE FUND		
Lewis Blackmer, advertising and printing		79.50
SCHOOLS		
School Committee		
Fanny G. Morey, salary	50.00	
E. Clifton Witt, salary	40.00	
W. Paige Piper, salary	40.00	
N. E. & Mass. Assoc., dues	33.00	163.00
School Superintendent		
George S. Goodell, salary	3,318.45	
George S. Goodell, travel	180.00	
Carl J. Peterson, salary	2,496.12	
Carl J. Peterson, travel	231.00	
Rose M. Dewey, secretary	2,340.00	
George S. Goodell, conferences	28.95	
Carl J. Peterson, conferences	47.28	
Postage	5.35	
Books and Subscriptions	26.63	
Forbes Snyder Co., typewriter repairs	26.90	
Lewis Blackmer, printing	17.10	
H. T. Janes	15.10	
Rose M. Dewey, Sec'y Conf.	5.00	8,737.88
Teachers' Expenses		
Guy Harrington, Conf. expenses	33.00	

Angela LeGrand, Conf. expenses	3.00	
Eleanor Fitzgerald, Conf. expenses	11.60	
N. E. Association of Colleges, dues	15.00	62.50
D. Donald Hazen, truant officer		3.00
Clarence Hubbard, law enforcement		24.66
New England Tel. & Tel.		441.97
All Other		
William E. Shaw, insurance on projector	6.50	
Town of Belchertown, repairs to drive at Center School	63.86	70.36
Salaries of Teachers and Substitutes		
Blanche Austin	639.48	
Bernadette Bowler	2,900.00	
Mildred Carter	2,686.50	
Doris Crespi	962.21	
Elwyn Doubleday	3,607.56	
Chester Eisold	3,200.10	
Eleanor Fitzgerald	2,985.00	
Alice Flaherty	2,900.00	
Donald Geer	2,871.23	
Guy Harrington	4,300.00	
Vera Harrington	3,061.25	
Elizabeth Huller	2,464.50	
Madeleine Lambert	2,892.75	
Angela LeGrand	2,934.65	
Emma Loftus	2,571.40	
Irene Orlando	3,100.00	
Sophia Pero	3,134.56	
Ruth Rietzel	2,834.65	
Mildred Robbins	1,038.42	
Janet Ross	900.00	
Beverly Royce	2,507.65	
Marion Shaw	2.940.00	
Nellie Shea	2,700.00	
Ada Tague	3,234.65	
Mary Thornton	1,504.86	
Gerald Tremaine	2,634.56	
Louise Dickinson	1,751.94	
Josephine Ingram	1,677.50	
Ruth Fuller	110.00	
John McCarthy	20.00	
Frances Hodgen	375.00	

Stanford Harrington	5.00	
Mildred Cole	100.00	
Rachel Shumway	285.00	
Lucy Sullivan	380.00	
Margaret Austin	239.00	
Nancy Austin	80.00	
Barbara Young	30.00	
Robert D. Camp	10.00	72,568.72
Household Arts		
Florence Jackson, salary	2,654.85	
Ethel Collis	90.00	
Mary Pratt	10.00	2,754.85
Clara Cook, music		1,580.00
Elwyn Doubleday, driver education		188.00
Rinehart Handwriting		600.00
Fuel		
Chadbourne's	3,595.76	
Norman Loftus	61.00	3,656.76
Lights		
Worcester County Electric Co.		509.90
Books and Supplies		4,645.59
Repairs and Replacements		
Gray's Curtain Shop	119.00	
Hillyard Sales	42.95	
Aubuchon Paint & Hardware Co.	86.32	
Harold E. Kimball & Sons	42.12	
Squires' Garage	9.50	
Higham-Neilson	210.00	
Lake Engineering Co.	7.00	
Ryther & Warren	71.14	
J. L. Hammett Co.	312.50	
Cascade Paper Co.	37.40	
Richo Products	371.35	
Allen & Shumway	261.79	
Holyoke Supply	58.54	
R. C. Gay	1.22	
Martin Crowe, labor	11.00	
Albert Dudek, labor	69.40	
William Aldrich, labor	38.25	
David Hodgen, labor	24.00	
Donald Camp, labor	4.00	
Robert Lindquist, labor	8.00	

A. C. Horn Co.	18.31	
Fred Johnson	326.00	
Adolph Musiol, tuning piano	5.00	
Harry Sessions, electrical repairs	6.00	
Mutual Plumbing Co.	10.80	
Arthur Fournier	9.00	
J. B. Sibley	1.75	
Tremco Mfg. Co.	16.82	
W. S. Piper, cartage and mowing	61.50	
Pittsburgh Paint Co.	76.98	
Burroughs Adding Machine Co., repairs	8.40	
Forbes Snyder Co., calculator, etc.	750.55	
Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co.	62.30	
Wood Bros., rope	10.00	
American-LaFrance Foamite	12.82	
Fred Lincoln, fill	10.00	
J. & H. Supply Co.	65.00	
E. K. Carrington, repairs	85.00	
Norman Wilson, sharpening mowers	3.50	
Anna Gold, insurance of Driver Ed.	32.83	
Miscellaneous, sundry	58.30	3,416.34
Graduation Expenses		
W. M. Welch Mfg. Co., diplomas	46.09	
E. G. Balfour, pro merito pins	15.11	
Robert S. Hopkins, Jr., speaker	25.00	86.20
Janitors, Salaries and Expenses		
George Dewey, salary	2,799.94	
William Kimball, Jr., salary	2,699.84	
Albert Dudek, salary	380.00	
William Aldrich, salary	350.00	
Sundry Persons	73.00	
Richo Products, supplies	519.78	
E. L. Cantor Co.	177.95	
A. Condon	97.00	
H. E. Kimball & Sons	5.48	
Valley Cinema	23.20	
Francis Grise	8.00	
Aubuchon Hardware Co.	7.50	
A. & G. Store	9.12	
J. Raymond Gould	16.50	
James R. Shea	1.50	
Jackson's Store	3.80	

Holcomb Mfg. Co.	30.00	7,202.61
Water		
Belchertown Water District	170.49	
Bondsville Water District	32.00	202.49
Transportation		
Lafayette Ayers	2,650.00	
Lincoln Cook	2,900.00	
Raymond Gay	5,800.00	
D. Donald Hazen	2,300.00	
Everett Howard	2,660.00	
William Squires	2,586.50	
Ralph Trombly	340.00	
Sundry Persons	56.75	19,293.25
Health		
Dr. James L. Collard, school doctor	300.00	
Minnie Davis, school nurse salary	2,673.00	
Charlotte Ketchen, substitute	30.00	
Ruth Gould, substitute	4.00	
Elizabeth Ketchen, substitute	4.00	
Minnie Davis, travel	300.00	
Belchertown Pharmacy, supplies	31.62	
American Health Assoc., dues	3.00	
A. & G. Store, tissues	10.50	3,356.12
Household Arts (exclusive of salaries)		
Chadbourne's, fuel	239.19	
Worcester County Electric Co.	80.20	
A. G. Store, supplies	177.44	
J. B. Lippincott Co.	20.59	
Cantflame Fire Proofing Co.	17.59	
Forbes & Wallace	40.81	
J. I. Holcomb Mfg. Co.	7.15	
R. G. Harrington	20.20	
Aubuchon Hardware Co.	3.74	
Gorman's Fire Extinguisher Co.	29.00	
Frank Goulding	5.32	
Ryther & Warren	2.00	
Houghton-Mifflin Co.	24.76	
The Ronald Press Co.	18.46	
Florence Jackson, food supplies	4.40	
American Red Cross, books	1.60	
Florence Jackson, Conf. Expenses	7.28	699.73
Total for Schools		$130,263.93

HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC FUND		
Sundry Persons, referees' fees	180.00	
Nick-Con Sports Shop, socks, caps, balls	60.00	
Barry-Reclaiming Co., jackets, pants, etc.	69.00	
The Nixon Co.	29.04	
Horace Partridge	27.07	
L. W. Ayers, transportation	80.00	
Transportation, sundry	29.00	
Sundry persons, umpire fees	16.00	
Bakers Sports Center	21.00	
Nelson J. Hill, policing at games	18.00	
Chester B. Eisold, telephone calls	4.00	
William Kimball, Jr., janitor	18.00	
Mac Ben Sporting Goods Co.	45.80	
Quabbin Cleaners, Inc.	8.50	605.41
VOCATIONAL EDUCATION		
City of Springfield, tuition	2,140.07	
City of Holyoke, tuition	61.35	
Smith Agricultural School, tuition	28.38	
Sundry persons, transportation	492.58	2,722.38
LAWRENCE PARSONS FIELD		
Worcester County Electric Co.	14.00	
Labor, sundry persons	11.39	
David Hodgen, mowing	40.10	
Town Equipment	4.35	
Allen & Shumway, repairs	4.00	
J. Raymond Gould	2.10	
David Hodgen, repairs to mower	.50	76.44
SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM		
Ruth Dobson, Director	300.00	
Clifford Dyer, Assistant	25.00	
Sandra Rhodes, Assistant	50.00	
David Hodgen, Assistant	25.00	
Aubuchon Paint & Hardware Co.	.95	
Ryther & Warren	12.60	
American Handicrafts Co., Inc., supplies	16.88	
Magnus Brush & Craft, supplies	50.09	
Bill Carroll Sporting Goods	8.25	
Johnson's Bookstore, supplies	11.75	500.52

CLAPP MEMORIAL LIBRARY		
Worcester County Electric Co.	24.50	
Bell & Hudson, insurance	86.79	
Chadbourne's, fuel	163.00	
Magazines, books, sundry	424.64	698.93
MEMORIAL DAY		
Orange Post No. 172, Drum & Bugle Corps	100.00	
Belchertown Farms, drinks	10.00	
Belchertown Pharmacy, ice cream	14.50	
Jackson's Store, flags, etc.	34.75	
Kelly the Florist, wreaths	12.00	
Lewis Blackmer, programs	3.95	175.20
INSURANCE		
Bell & Hudson	3,239.41	
Anna Gold	82.60	3,322.01
TOWN CLOCK		
Frank Scialla, care		100.00
PHOTOSTATIC COPIES OF DISCHARGES		
Hilltop Photo Service		24.00
PLANNING BOARD		
Lewis Blackmer, printing	57.75	
M. O. Saunders	100.00	
Morse & Morse, legal advice	33.00	190.75
COMMON		
Worcester County Electric Co.	11.10	
David Hodgen, mowing	56.24	
J. R. Gould, gas for mower	2.13	69.47
HONOR ROLL		
Bell & Hudson, insurance		10.00
ARMISTICE DAY		
Kelly the Florist, wreaths		59.00
UNCLASSIFIED		
June Henneman, preparing town report	75.00	
Lewis Blackmer, printing town reports	540.30	
Alvin H. Bush	7.40	631.70
CEMETERIES		
Charles F. Austin, labor, machine, transp.	521.80	
Lincoln Cook, labor	315.51	
Richard Knight, labor	24.00	

Robert Copithorne, labor	20.75	
Fred Lincoln, loam	69.00	
Clinton Rhodes, plowing	12.75	
Ryther & Warren Co., supplies	45.50	
H. E. Kimball & Sons, supplies	32.69	
D. Donald Hazen, trucking	8.00	1,050.00

SOLDIERS' GRAVES

Charles F. Austin, labor		250.00

INTEREST

First Nat'l Bank of Boston, School Loan	8,400.00	
First Nat'l Bank of Boston, Sewer Loan	975.00	
Palmer Nat'l Bank, Rd. Mach. Loan	80.00	
Palmer Nat'l Bank, Fed. St. Sewer Loan	200.00	9,655.00

MATURING DEBT

Palmer Nat'l Bank, Road Mach. Loan	2,000.00	
First Nat'l Bank of Boston, School	21,000.00	
First Nat'l Bank of Boston, Sewer	2,000.00	
Palmer Nat'l Bank, Fed. St. Sewer	1,000.00	26,000.00

SPECIAL FIRE BUILDING ACCOUNT

H. A. Main, labor	48.00	
Allen & Shumway	900.15	
Mutual Plumbing	3.14	
William Jurczyk, Inc., cement, etc.	346.93	
A. J. Modigan, 2 prs. overhead doors	570.00	
Labor, sundry	12.79	
Warner Bros., gravel	14.00	
Adolph Jurczyk, wiring	272.77	
Ryther & Warren, lumber, nails, etc.	1,137.70	3,305.48

AGENCY

Withholding Tax		
Collector of Internal Revenue	4,649.82	
Federal Reserve Bank of Boston	8,667.80	13,317.62
Commonwealth of Massachusetts		
State Audit	753.05	
State Parks and Reservations	463.67	1,216.72
County of Hampshire		
County Tax	10,439.79	

Dog Licenses	1,037.60	11,477.39
Dog Officer Fees		
Wallace Chevalier		164.00
Land Taking		
Theodore Smist	1.00	
Charles F. Austin	1.00	2.00
TRUST		
Hampshire County Retirement	858.82	
Retirement Payments, Town	741.51	
Washington Nat'l Ins. Co., health ins.	678.03	
Mass. Med. Service, Blue Cross	1,352.40	3,630.76
Cemetery Perpetual Care		
Labor, sundry		583.60
Calvin Bridgman Library Fund	115.82	
George Longley School Music Fund	150.40	
Susan M. D. Bridgman Poor Fund	50.00	316.22
INVESTMENTS		
Investments School Loans	885,610.32	
Investment War Memorial Fund	2,500.00	
Investment Post War Rehabilitation	4,852.00	892,962.32
REFUNDS AND TRANSFERS		
Clapp Memorial Library, Dog Licenses	699.50	
Personal Property Refunds 1952	19.25	
Real Estate Refunds 1951	26.00	
Real Estate Refunds 1952	44.00	
Real Estate Refunds 1953	344.16	
Motor Vehicle Excise Refunds 1952	55.73	
Motor Vehicle Excise Refunds 1953	937.50	2,138.56
1952 UNPAID ACCOUNTS		
Sundry Persons, as per list in Town Warrant of 1953		359.29
Total expenditures for year ending Dec. 31, 1953		$1,505,353.98
Cash in Treasury Dec. 31, 1953		180,303.74
		$1,685,657.72

I hereby certify the foregoing information to be complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Eleanor V. Sporbert

Report of Town Accountant

BALANCE SHEET—December 31, 1953

General Accounts
ASSETS

Cash		$180,303.74
Accounts Receivable:		
Taxes:		
Levy of 1952:		
Real Estate	$1,160.97	
Personal	694.46	
Levy of 1953:		
Real Estate	14,623.45	
Personal	6,842.01	
Poll	2.00	23,322.89
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes:		
Levy of 1952	59.69	
Levy of 1953	2,456.62	2,516.31
Tax Titles		3,020.95
Tax Possessions		117.63
Departmental:		
Highways	22.00	
Public Welfare	191.42	
Aid to Dependent Children	101.76	
Sewer Rentals, 1952	55.00	
Sewer Rentals, 1953	420.36	790.54
Aid to Highways:		

General Accounts
LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

Payroll Deductions:		
Hampshire County Retirement	$211.06	
Federal Taxes	1,920.10	$2,131.16
Trust Funds—Income		
Susan M. D. Bridgman Poor Fund	1,014.86	
Cemetery Perpetual Care	41.40	1,056.26
Accounts Held in Trust:		
Deposits in lieu of Children's Boarding licenses	50.00	
Impounding and Sale of Cattle	312.00	362.00
Workmen's Compensation Fund:		
State Highways Allowance		680.32
Sale of Real Estate Fund		13.68
Road Machinery Fund		7,208.14
High School Athletic Fund		29.36
Tailings		98.76
Federal Grants:		
Disability Assistance, Aid	58.77	
Disability Assistance, Adm.	2.51	
Aid to Dependent Children, Aid	299.30	
Aid to Dependent Children, Adm.	1.30	
Old Age Assistance, Aid	2,695.66	
Old Age Assistance, Adm.	81.83	
George Deen Fund	10.51	3,149.88
Unexpended Appropriation Balances:		
Addition to Fire Station Account	694.52	
Cleaning and Repairing Water Holes	300.00	
Planning Board Expenses	398.92	
Elementary School Bldg. Committee	8,556.40	9,949.84
Elementary School Building Funds:		
Town Appropriation	25,373.90	
Bonds	175,000.00	200,373.90
Reserve Fund, Overlay Surplus		8,500.30

Aid to Highways:		Overlays—Reserved for Abatements:		
State	2,705.86	Levy of 1952	1,855.43	
		Levy of 1953	4,982.61	6,838.04
State Parks and Reservations	149.89	Revenue—Reserved until Collected:		
		Motor Vehicle Excise	2,516.31	
County Tax of 1953	59.93	Tax Title and Tax Possessions	3,138.58	
		Departmental	790.54	
		State Aid to Highways	2,705.86	9,151.29
Investment of School Loans	147,518.89	Surplus Revenue		110,963.70
	$360,506.63			$360,506.63
INDEBTEDNESS ACCOUNTS		INDEBTEDNESS ACCOUNTS		
		Road Machinery Loan of 1949	2,000.00	
		Sewer Construction Loan of 1949	37,000.00	
		Sewer Construction Loan of 1952	7,000.00	
		School Building Loan, Act of 1951	213,000.00	
Net Funded or Fixed Debt	$425,000.00	School Building Loan of 1952	166,000.00	425,000.00
POST WAR REHABILITATION FUND		POST WAR REHABILITATION FUND		
		Savings Bank Deposits	5,492.54	
Post War Rehabilitation Fund	7,992.54	War Memorial Fund	2,500.00	7,992.54
TRUST ACCOUNTS		TRUST ACCOUNTS		
		Whiting Street Poor Fund	9,477.60	
		George D. Longley School Music Fund	2,772.36	
		Susan M. D. Bridgman Poor Fund	3,500.00	
		Calvin Bridgman High School Fund	7,360.49	
		Calvin Bridgman Library Fund	4,060.00	
		Willard Stebbins Cemetery Fence Fund	5,385.04	
		Susan M. D. Bridgman Cemetery Fund	448.67	
Trust Funds and Securities	58,691.88	Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	25,687.72	58,691.88
INVESTED FUND		INVESTED FUND		
Invested Fund	$150,000.00	Sale of U. S. Treasury Bills		$150,000.00

Balances on Appropriations as of Dec. 31, 1953

Account	Appopriation	Transfers and Additions	Expenditures	Unexpended
Selectmen, Salaries	$425.00		$425.00	
Selectmen, Expenses	200.00		200.00	
Town Accountant, Salary	500.00		500.00	
Town Accountant, Expenses	25.00		19.00	6.00
Town Treasurer, Salary	725.00		725.00	
Town Treasurer, Expenses	290.00	7.20§	297.20	
Tax Collector, Salary	700.00		700.00	
Tax Collector, Expenses	575.00		575.00	
Assessors, Salary	700.00		700.00	
Assessors, Expenses	500.00		472.65	27.35
Town Clerk, Salary	300.00		300.00	
Town Clerk, Expenses	250.00		247.11	2.89
Election and Registration	650.00		503.43	146.57
Certification of Notes	20.00		10.00	10.00
Law	200.00	227.00*	427.00	
Town Hall	300.00		297.68	2.32
Lawrence Memorial Hall	400.00	3.61*	403.61	
Repairs Memorial Hall	1,000.00		999.00	1.00
American Legion Hdqtrs.	350.00		317.00	33.00
Police	1,700.00	43.30*	1,741.30	2.00
Fire Department	2,575.00		2,575.00	
Purchase New Fire Truck	6,000.00	10,000.00	15,999.65	.35
Addition to Fire Station		4,000.00	3,305.48	694.52
Acquiring Land for Fir. Sta.	3,000.00		3,000.00	
Forest Fires	1,500.00	8.56*	1,508.56	
Hydrant Service	1,500.00		1,500.00	
Moth Suppression	600.00		600.00	
Dutch Elm Disease	1,000.00		1,000.00	
Tree Warden	800.00	1.10†	793.58	7.52
Sealer Weights & Measures	100.00		99.89	.11
Inspector of Wires	150.00		150.00	
Health	800.00		744.61	55.39
Sewers—Maintenance	2,800.00	195.83*	2,995.83	
Sewer Cleaning Equipment	480.00		480.00	
Highways—Chapter 81	4,120.00	28,050.00‡	32,130.67	39.33
Highways—Chap. 90, Mnt.	1,000.00	2,000.00‡ 5.82*	3,005.82	
Highways—Ch. 90, Const.	1,500.00	4,500.00‡ 5.45*	6,005.45	
Highways—Snow Removal	2,500.00	165.47*	2,665.47	
Highways—Bridges	1,000.00	92.23*	1,092.23	
Highways—Streets	100.00	660.00*	532.41	227.59
Highways—Sidewalks	100.00		14.00	86.00

Account	Appropriations	Transfers and Additions	Expenditures	Unexpended
Road Machinery Expense	5,000.00	41.29§ 29.24*	5,070.53	
Street Lights	2,020.00		2,020.00	
Purchase of Town Truck	2,500.00		2,500.00	
Purchase of Mower	495.00		495.00	
Veterans' Aid	1,000.00	840.00*	1,828.41	11.59
Public Welfare, Salaries	425.00		425.00	
Public Welfare	2,075.00	500.00*	2,146.10	428.90
Disability Assistance	2,500.00		946.98	1,553.02
Aid Dependent Children	1,100.00		345.96	754.04
Old Age Assistance	42,500.00	536.26§	39,844.15	3,193.11
Schools	129,863.00	700.00* 83.18§	130,508.93	137.25
Vocational Education	1,500.00	900.00** 322.38*	2,722.38	
Ele. Sch. Bldg., Loan Act 1951		212,939.00°	212,939.00	
Ele. School Building, Town		40,000.00°	14,626.10	25,373.90
El. School Building Committee		8,635.90°	79.50	8,556.40
Clapp Memorial Library	700.00		698.93	1.07
Lawrence Parsons Field	300.00		76.44	223.56
Insurance	4,065.00	89.80§	3,322.01	832.79
Summer Recreation Program	500.00	.52	500.52	
Memorial Day	200.00		175.20	24.80
Armistice Day	60.00		59.00	1.00
Honor Roll	20.00		10.00	10.00
Care of Town Clock	100.00		100.00	
Public Dump	100.00	22.50*	122.50	
Photostatic Copies Discharges	25.00		24.00	1.00
Care of Common	150.00		69.47	80.53
Planning Board Expenses		589.67°	190.75	398.92
Civil Defense	1,900.00		1,897.34	2.66
Unclassified	600.00	50.00*	631.70	18.30
Reserve Fund	3,500.00		3,171.39	328.61
Cemeteries	1,050.00		1,050.00	
Soldiers' Graves	250.00		250.00	
Retirement Payments	741.51		741.51	
Unpaid Accounts of 1952	359.29		359.29	
Interest	9,856.80	326.68**	9,655.00	528.48
Maturing Debt	26,000.00	276.00**	26,000.00	276.00
Land Takings		2.00*	2.00	

*Transfer. **Additional. §Refund. †Dividend. ‡State and County Allotments. °Carry-over or on hand January 1, 1953.

TOWN DEBT STATEMENT

Sewer Construction Loan of 1949	$37,000.00
Serial Notes bearing interest at the rate of two and one-half per cent per annum and maturing $2,000.00 annually for 20 years from date of issue, and $1,000 annually for five years thereafter.	
Amount payable in 1954	2,000.00
Road Machinery Loan of 1949	2,000.00
Notes bearing interest at the rate of two per cent per annum and maturing $2,000.00 annually for five years from date of issue.	
Amount payable in 1954	2,000.00
Sewer Construction Loan of 1952	7,000.00
Serial Notes bearing interest at the rate of two and one-half per cent per annum and maturing $1,000.00 annually for eight years from date of issue.	
Amount payable in 1954	1,000.00
School Building Loan, Act of 1951	213,000.00
Bonds bearing interest at the rate of 2.10%, dated August 1, 1952, payable $12,000.00 annually for five years, and $11,000.000 annually for fifteen years.	
Amount payable in 1954	12,000.00
School Building Loan of 1952	166,000.00
Bonds bearing interest at the rate of 2.10%, dated August 1, 1952, payable $9,000.00 annually for fifteen years, and $8,000.00 annually for five years.	
Amount payable in 1954	9,000.00

ELEANOR V. SPORBERT, *Town Accountant*

APPENDIX

RESERVE FUND TRANSFERS

Authorized by Finance Committee

From Reserve Fund to:		
Veterans' Aid	$840.00	
Unclassified	50.00	
Streets	660.00	
Public Welfare	500.00	
Law	227.00	
Police	43.30	
Public Dump	22.50	
Snow Removal	165.47	
Road Machinery Expense	29.24	
Bridges	92.23	
Forest Fires	8.56	
Memorial Hall	3.61	
Sewers, Maintenance	195.83	
Vocational Education	322.38	
Chapter 90, Maintenance	5.82	
Chapter 90, Construction	5.45	$3,171.39

I certify that as Town Accountant I have examined the cash accounts and trust fund accounts of Town Treasurer William E. Shaw and have found balances sufficient to cover said accounts in cash and in bank deposits.

Eleanor V. Sporbert, Town Accountant

January 25, 1954

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Hampshire, ss.

Then personally appeared before me, Eleanor V. Sporbert, Town Accountant and made oath that the foregoing certificate by her subscribed to be true.

William E. Shaw, Justice of the Peace

(FROM STATE AUDIT)

Balance Sheet, July 31, 1953

GENERAL ACCOUNTS
Assets

Cash		$429,255.61
Accounts Receivable:		
Taxes:		
Levy of 1951:		
Personal Property	$268.76	
Real Estate	366.60	635.36
Levy of 1952:		
Poll	2.00	
Personal Property	1,482.00	
Real Estate	2,885.89	4,369.89
Levy of 1953:		
Poll	56.00	
Personal Property	27,890.94	
Real Estate	81,570.29	109,517.23
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise:		
Levy of 1952	607.18	
Levy of 1953	2,709.50	3,316.68
Tax Titles	3,020.95	
Tax Possessions	117.63	3,138.58
Departmental:		
Sewer Rentals 1952	125.00	
Sewer Rentals 1953	533.75	
Highway	119.50	
Forest Fire	41.48	
Public Welfare	242.42	
Old Age Assistance	1,680.10	2,742.25
Aid to Highways:		
State	32,050.00	
County	2,500.00	34,550.00

GENERAL ACCOUNTS
Liabilities and Reserves

State and County Assessments 1953:		
Parks and Reservations Tax	$313.78	
Audit of Municipal Accounts	753.05	
County Tax	10,379.86	$11,446.69
Employees' Payroll Deductions:		
Federal Taxes	1,354.60	
County Retirement System	82.00	1,436.60
Agency:		
County—Dog Licenses	318.40	
Workmen's Compensation Fund—State Highway Allowance	355.47	
Deposit in Lieu of Bond—Children's Boarding	50.00	
Impounding and Sale of Cattle	312.00	1,035.87
Tailings—Unclaimed Checks		98.76
Trust Fund Income:		
Susan M. D. Bridgman Charity Fund		874.86
Post-war Rehabilitation Fund		4,852.00
Federal Grants:		
Disability Assistance:		
Administration	2.51	
Assistance	135.56	
Aid to Dependent Children:		
Administration	1.30	
Aid	56.39	
Old Age Assistance:		
Administration	89.33	
Assistance	3,119.79	
George Deen Fund—Schools	10.51	3,415.39
Revolving Fund:		
High School Athletic Fund		59.36
Appropriation Balances:		
Revenue:		
General	121,558.86	
Repairs to Memorial Hall	1,000.00	
Purchase of Fire Apparatus	6,000.00	
School Building Committee Expense	8,556.40	137,115.26

Loans Authorized:		
Fire Department Equipment		10,000.00
Estimated Receipts—To be Collected		39,218.56
Overdrawn Accounts and Amounts to be Provided for:		
Dog Officers' Fees—Due from County	118.50	
George D. Longley School Music Fund Income	150.40	268.90
		$637,013.06

Non-Revenue:		
Elementary School Construction and Equipment		354,701.11
Loans Authorized and Unissued		10,000.00
Sale of Real Estate Fund		13.68
Receipts Reserved for Appropriations:		
Road Machinery		4,930.89
Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus		5,856.15
Overlays Reserved for Abatements:		
Levy of 1951	635.36	
Levy of 1952	3,884.32	
Levy of 1953	6,292.41	10,812.09
Revenue Reserved until Collected:		
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise	3,316.68	
Tax Title and Possession	3,138.58	
Departmental	2,742.25	
Aid to Highway	34,550.00	43,747.51
Surplus Revenue		46,616.84
		$637,013.06

DEBT ACCOUNTS

Debt Funded or Fixed Debt:	
Inside Debt Limit:	
General	$224,000.00
Outside Debt Limit:	
General	225,000.00
	$449,000.00

DEBT ACCOUNTS

Serial Loans:		
Inside Debt Limit:		
Sewer Loan 1949	39,000.00	
Sewer Loan 1952	8,000.00	
Highway Equipment Loan 1949	2,000.00	
School Building Loan 1952	175,000.00	224,000.00
Outside Debt Limit:		
School Building Loan 1952		225,000.00
		$449,000.00

TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

Trust and Investment Funds:	
Cash and Securities:	
In Custody of Treasurer	$64,809.42
	$64,809.42

TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

In Custody of Treasurer:	
Susan M. D. Bridgman Charity Fund	$3,500.00
Whiting Street Worthy Poor Fund	9,477.60
George D. Longley School Music Fund	2,772.36
Calvin Bridgman High School Fund	7,360.49
Calvin Bridgman Library Fund	4,060.00
Susan M. D. Bridgman Cemetery Fund	443.67
Willard A. Stebbins Cemetery Fund	5,385.04
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	26,312.72
*Post-War Rehabilitation Fund	5,492.54
	$64,809.42

*Includes $4,852.00 in General Treasury

Town Warrant

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING FEBRUARY 1 AND 8, 1954

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

HAMPSHIRE, SS.

To any of the constables of the Town of Belchertown, in said County, GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn all the inhabitants of the Town of Belchertown, qualified to vote in elections of town officers, to meet at the several polling places in said Belchertown, designated by the Selectmen, to wit:

IN PRECINCT A, at Lawrence Memorial Hall in Jabish Street.

IN PRECINCT B, at the Franklin School Building in Franklin Street in South Belchertown, on Monday, the first day of February, A. D. 1954, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to give in their votes on one ballot to precinct officers of the several polling precincts of said Town for the following officers, to wit: a Moderator, a Town Clerk, a Treasurer, one Selectman, each for one year; one Selectman for two years; one Selectman for three years; five Constables, each for one year; a Tree Warden for one year; one School Committee Member for three years; one Assessor for three years; one Sewer Commissioner for three years; one Planning Board Member for five years; one Cemetery Commissioner for three years.

The polls will be open at nine o'clock in the forenoon and closed at seven o'clock p. m.

And you are further hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Belchertown qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Lawrence Memorial Hall in said Belchertown, on Monday, the eighth day of February A. D. 1954, at 7.30 o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles, viz:

Art. 1. To choose the following named officers by nomination: two Almoners of the Whiting Street and the Mrs. Susan M. D. Bridgman Funds, each for one year; one trustee of the Calvin Bridgman Fund for three years.

Art. 2. To hear the reports of the officers of the town and of any committees that may have been appointed by the town and act thereon.

Art. 3. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as shall be deemed necessary to defray the expenses listed in the Finance Committee report for the current financial year and act thereon.

Art. 4. To see if the town will vote to give to Clapp Memorial Library the balance of the dog license fund after damages are paid, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 5. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 81 Highways, or take any action in relation thereto.

Art. 6. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 90 Highways Construction on Chauncey D. Walker Street, Route 21, or take any action in relation thereto.

Art. 7. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 90 Highway Maintenance, or take any action in relation thereto.

Art. 8. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from the Road Machinery Earnings Account the sum of $5,000.00 to the Road Machinery Expense Account, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 9. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from the Road Machinery Earnings Account the sum of $2,000.00 to pay a note issued in 1949, for the purchase of road machinery, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 10. To see if the town will authorize the payment of $130.00 for the salaries of the School Committee for the year ensuing, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 11. To see if the town will vote to allow the Cemetery Commissioners to appoint themselves to work in the cemeteries at a rate not to exceed ($1.00) one dollar per hour for the year 1954, as provided for in the General Laws, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 12. To see if the town will vote to authorize the payment of $200.00 for salaries of the Sewer Commissioners for the year ensuing, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 13. To see if the town will vote to allow the Sewer Commissioners to appoint themselves to work on the town sewer system at a rate not to exceed $1.50 per hour for the year 1954, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 14. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of revenue of the municipal year beginning January 1, 1954, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 15. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from the Insurance Reserve Account the sum of $680.32 to the Insurance Account, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 16. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the construction of a sidewalk. Said sidewalk to be 4 feet wide and 480 feet in length, connecting at the end of a now existing sidewalk, running parallel to Franklin Street, ending at Shea Avenue, opposite the Franklin School Building.

Art. 17. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the War Memorial Fund, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 18. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the repair and painting of the interior of the Lawrence Memorial Hall, or act otherwise thereon.

Art. 19. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to grant permission to the several Scout organizations in Belchertown the use of a tract of land located off Route 202. Said land being owned by the Town of Belchertown and known as the Town Wood Lot, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 20. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to purchase and develop land now owned by Harold F. Peck, for cemetery purposes, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 21. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of acquiring by purchase or by taking by right of eminent domain, to be used for municipal building, the following described real estate: The Greenlawn Restaurant Building, so called, consisting of land and buildings situated on Westerly side of Main Street, Belchertown, bounded on South side by property of Katherine E. Bassett, Northerly and Westerly sides by property of William H. and Petronella Squires, now owned by William H. and Petronella Squires; and determine whether the money shall be provided by taxation, by appropriation from available funds in the treasury, or otherwise, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 22. To see if the town will vote to accept from Post 239 American Legion, the sum of $2,500.00 toward the cost of acquiring the real estate referred to in Article 21.

Art. 23. To see if the town will authorize the use of money now in the War Memorial fund for the purchase of the Main Street property referred to in Article 21, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 24. To see if the town will vote to appropriate an amount as recommended by the Finance Committee from Surplus Revenue to be used by the Assessors in establishing the tax rate for 1954. or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 25. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one on the Town Hall, one at Lawrence Memorial Hall, one at Union School at Dwight, and one at Keyes' Hotel seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at or before the time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this twenty-first day of January, A. D. 1954.

ROBERT D. CAMP, SR.
JOHN W. AVERY
CHARLES F. AUSTIN
Selectmen of Belchertown

Report of Finance Committee

Account	Appropriations 1953	Recommended 1954		
Selectmen	$625.00	Ch. Selectmen	$325.00	
		Clerk	275.00	
		Other Member	275.00	
		Expenses	200.00	
Town Accountant	525.00	Salary	600.00	
		Expenses	25.00	
Treasurer	1,015.00	Salary	725.00	
		Expenses	390.00	
Town Collector	1,275.00	Salary	700.00	Plus fees
		Expenses	625.00	
Assessors	1,200.00	Salary, Ch.	400.00	
		Other Mem.	300.00	
		Other Mem.	300.00	
		Expenses	500.00	
Town Clerk	550.00	Salary	300.00	Plus fees
		Expenses	250.00	
Election and Registration	650.00		850.00	
Certification of Notes	20.00		10.00	
Law	200.00		250.00	
Town Hall	300.00		500.00	
Lawrence Memorial Hall	400.00		400.00	
American Legion Hdqtrs.	350.00		350.00	
Police	1,700.00		1,950.00	
Fire Department	2,575.00		2,920.00	
Forest Fires	1,500.00		1,500.00	
Hydrant Service	1,500.00		1,500.00	
Moth Suppression	600.00		800.00	
Dutch Elm Disease	1,000.00		1,000.00	
Tree Warden	800.00		800.00	
Sealer Weights & Measures	100.00		100.00	
Inspector of Wires (salary)	150.00		150.00	
Cleaning and Repairing Water Holes (Bal. from a previous year)	300.00		300.00	
Health	800.00		800.00	
Sewers—Maintenance	2,800.00		2,800.00	
Highways—Snow	2,500.00		2,500.00	
Highways—Streets	100.00		500.00	
Highways—Sidewalks	100.00		100.00	

Account	Appropriations 1953		Recommended 1954
Highways—Bridges	1,000.00		1,000.00
Street Lights	2,020.00		2,462.00
Public Welfare	2,500.00		1,925.00
(Public Welfare salaries of included)	425.00	Ch. Pub. Wel.	175.00
		Other Mem.	125.00
		Other Mem.	125.00
Veterans' Aid	1,000.00		1,500.00
Old Age Assistance	42,500.00		42,500.00
Aid to Dependent Children	1,100.00		1,100.00
Disability Assistance	2,500.00		2,000.00
Schools	129,863.00		147,650.00
Vocational Education	1,500.00		2,000.00
Parsons Recreation Field	300.00		300.00
Clapp Memorial Library	700.00		700.00
Cemeteries	1,050.00		1,100.00
Soldiers' Graves	250.00		250.00
Unclassified	600.00		850.00
Reserve Fund	3,500.00		3,500.00
Memorial Day	200.00		200.00
Armistice Day	60.00		60.00
Honor Roll	20.00		20.00
Insurance	3,500.00		7,000.00
Interest	8,370.00		9,374.00
Town Clock	100.00		100.00
Public Dump	100.00		100.00
Belchertown Common	150.00		150.00
Photostats of Discharges	25.00		25.00
Summer Recreation Program	500.00		600.00
Civil Defense	1,900.00		1,505.00
Retirement Payments	741.51		899.35
Maturing Debt	26,000.00		26,000.00

Art. 6—$2,500.00. Art. 7—$1,000.00. Art. 16—$950.00. Art. 17—$500.00. Art. 18—$1,200.00. Art. 20—$900.00.

HUDSON HOLLAND
ROMEO JOYAL
SIDNEY W. WHEELER
AUBREY D. LAPOLICE
ELLIOTT S. CORDNER
Finance Committee

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TOWN *of* BELCHERTOWN

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31

1954

Please Bring This Report to Town Meeting

Town Officers, 1954

MODERATOR

Lewis H. Blackmer	Term expires February 1955

TOWN CLERK AND TREASURER

William E. Shaw	Term expires February 1955

COLLECTOR OF TAXES AND TOWN COLLECTOR

William E. Shaw	Term expires February 1955

SELECTMEN, BOARD OF HEALTH AND BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

Robert D. Camp	Term expires February 1957
John W. Avery	Term expires February 1956
Charles F. Austin	Term expires February 1955

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Fitzhugh L. Turner	Term expires February 1957
Walter Paige Piper	Term expires February 1956
Fanny G. Morey	Term expires February 1955

PLANNING BOARD

William E. Aldrich	Term expires February 1959
Roy H. King	Term expires February 1958
Robert J. Braden	Term expires February 1957
Byron A. Hudson	Term expires February 1956
Everett A. Geer	Term expires February 1955

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

Henry Evanson	Term expires February 1957
Charles F. Austin	Term expires February 1956
Lincoln A. Cook	Term expires February 1955

ASSESSORS

William F. Kimball, Jr.	Term expires February 1957
Donald E. Kenyon	Term expires February 1956
George E. Booth	Term expires February 1955

SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Milton C. Baggs	Term expires February 1957
D. Donald Hazen	Term expires February 1956
Ella A. Stebbins	Term expires February 1955

TREE WARDEN

Edward B. Conkey	Term expires February 1955

CONSTABLES

Wallace F. Chevalier	Term expires February 1955
Ernest M. Gay	Term expires February 1955
Nelson J. Hill	Term expires February 1955
Earle A. Rhodes	Term expires February 1955
Andrew T. Sears	Term expires February 1955

ALMONERS OF WHITING STREET AND MRS. SUSAN M. D. BRIDGMAN FUNDS

Mrs. Amy B. Witt	Term expires February 1955
Mrs. Sophia M. Pero	Term expires February 1955

TRUSTEES OF CALVIN BRIDGMAN FUND

George A. Poole	Term expires February 1957
Lewis H. Blackmer	Term expires February 1956
D. Donald Hazen	Term expires February 1955

APPOINTIVE OFFICERS

TRUSTEE FOR HAMP. CO. AID TO AGRICULTURE

Robert E. Hanifin	Term expires February 1955

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Eleanor Sporbert	Term expires December 1956

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Alice T. Flaherty	Term expires 1957
Roy G. Shaw	Term expires 1956
Raymond T. Beaudoin	Term expires 1955

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Hudson Holland	Term expires 1957
Elliott S. Cordner	Term expires 1956
G. Warren Crockwell	Term expires 1956
Aubrey Lapolice	Term expires 1955
Sidney W. Wheeler	Term expires 1955

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS

Joseph Kulig

FIRE CHIEF AND FOREST WARDEN

Joseph J. Kempkes, Sr.

MOTH SUPERINTENDENT

William Ira Shattuck

CHIEF OF POLICE

Nelson J. Hill

SPECIAL AGENT FOR BOARD OF HEALTH

Dr. Henry A. Tadgell

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

Dr. Francis M. Austin

INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING

Clarence Hubbard

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Raymond C. Gay

INSPECTOR OF WIRING

Stanley J. Pietryka

SPECIAL POLICE

Dr. Henry A. Tadgell	
Thomas P. Feeney	
George B. Wyman	State School
Clarence Hubbard	
Barbara S. Henneman	Street List
Minnie Flaherty	Street List
Mildred S. Cole	Street List
Wallace F. Chevalier	Dog Officer

PUBLIC WEIGHERS

Harry L. Ryther	
H. Morgan Ryther	
Elwyn Hayes	
Charles W. Kern	State School
Norman McLeod	State School
David L. Dzuris	State School
Maurice McLean	State School
F. Edward Rogers	State School
John P. Harrington	State School
John E. Davis	State School
Paul T. Austin	State School
Patrick J. Nagle	State School
Theodore M. Picard	State School
John T. Flaherty	State School
Chester Sosnowski	State School
Aubrey D. Lapolice	State School
Wendell C. McGinnis	State School
Earle G. D. Allis	State School
John M. Connelly	State School
H. Conrad Kirby	State School
Doris Labrecque	State School
Frank Lashway	State School
William T. Lynch	State School
Walter McKillop	State School
John B. Nadeau	State School
Harold F. Peck	State School
Douglas Rhodes	State School
Daniel P. Shea	State School

MEASURERS OF WOOD AND LUMBER

Donald M. Terry
Raymond C. Gay
Aubrey D. Lapolice
John B. Nadeau

FENCE VIEWERS AND FIELD DRIVERS

Alvin H. Bush
David E. Fournier
Nelson J. Hill

FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Joseph J. Kempkes, Sr.

DEPUTY FOREST FIRE WARDENS

Joseph J. Kempkes, Jr.
Kenneth Bristol
Carl Peterson
Louis Fuller
Nelson Hill
Ernest Gay

MEMBERS BELCHERTOWN FIRE DEPARTMENT

Joseph J. Kempkes, Sr., Chief
Joseph J. Kempkes, Jr. Asst. Chief
Kenneth Bristol, Captain
Carl J. Peterson, Lieutenant
Louis Fuller, Lieutenant
Roy G. Shaw, Lieutenant
Isaac Hodgen
George Dewey
Wilbur Eaton
Herbert Squires
Raymond Menard
Sherman Gould
Louis Shumway
Guy C. Allen, Jr.
Harold Peck
Paige Piper
Willard Young, Jr.
Ernest Gay
William F. Kimball, Jr.
Doris Labrecque
Nelson Hill
Michael Oberly
Hubert Greene

JURORS

GRAND JUROR

Leon M. Hislop

TRAVERSE JURORS

February
Chester Dzwonkoski
Minnie A. Flaherty

May
J. Bernard Bowler
Gilbert F. Marshall

June
Edward J. Dudek
Earl D. Gray, Jr.

August
Melvin E. Bosworth
John W. Copithorne

October
James B. Baker
Edward C. Camp

December
Edna H. Camp
H. Morgan Ryther

VETERANS' AGENT

Isaac A. Hodgen

SENATORS IN CONGRESS

Leverett Saltonstall	Newton, Mass.
John Kennedy	Boston, Mass.

CONGRESSMAN—FIRST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

John Heselton	Deerfield, Mass.

STATE SENATOR

Ralph C. Mahar	Orange, Mass.

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

Isaac A. Hodgen	Belchertown, Mass.

COUNCILLOR—FIRST COUNCILLOR DISTRICT

Bruce Crane	Dalton, Mass.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Hiram H. Brownell	Northampton, Mass.
Raymond A. Lyman	Easthampton, Mass.
John R. Callahan, Jr.	Hadley, Mass.

CLERK OF COURTS

Grace T. Hawksley	Northampton, Mass.

REGISTER OF DEEDS

Raymond A. Warner	Williamsburg, Mass.

REGISTER OF PROBATE

Frank E. Tuit, II	Northampton, Mass.

COUNTY TREASURER

Howard A. Banner	Northampton, Mass

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Sanford Keedy	Amherst, Mass.

Report of Selectmen

The Board of Selectmen met and organized on the first Thursday following the Annual Town Meeting, February 1, 1954, and elected the same slate of officers as was voted for 1953. Mr. Robert D. Camp again accepted the position of Chairman of the Board and Chairman of the Board of Health. Mr. John W. Avery was named Chairman of the Board of Public Welfare, and Mr. Charles F. Austin was delegated to represent the Board on the Old Town Hall Committee. Regular meetings were held every Thursday evening throughout the year, and special meetings were held as the need occurred.

As is customary, the first activities of the Board covered the articles favorably accepted at the Annual Town Meeting.

The sidewalk was completed at Franklin School, thus eliminating the hazard to children attending that school.

The interior of Lawrence Memorial Hall was redecorated during the summer vacation period. The work completed included painting and varnishing the walls, ceiling and woodwork; and sanding and refinishing the balcony floor.

The Chapter 90 Construction Program progressed on Route 21, under the direction of Mr. Edwin F. Shumway. The correction of the curve on this highway, which was started in 1953, was completed this year, and is now open to traffic. Future work on this highway will consist of, first, linking the new highway to the Ludlow line, and second, working from this curve point toward the center of Belchertown.

The Chapter 81 Highway Program was again under the supervision of Superintendent of Streets, Mr. Joseph Kulig. Mr.

Kulig met with the Board regularly to discuss the overall maintenance and improvements of our town highways.

The Gypsy Moth spraying program, authorized by the State Legislature, was carried out this year for the first time. This program in Belchertown was under the direction of Moth Superintendent, W. Ira Shattuck, with the cooperation of the State Department of Natural Resources, and proved very effective.

The Board attended several hearings before Legislative Committees in Boston. Two of these hearings pertained to bills relative to having the State Department of Public Works take over and reconstruct Route 9, from the junction of Route 202 to the Amherst line. These two bills were not enacted, inasmuch as the State Department of Public Works has a program planned, whereby they anticipate improving this section of highway within a few years.

Another of the above hearings covered the establishing of a right of way for public access to Lake Metacomet. This right of way is presently in the process of being established by the Hampshire County Commissioners.

Other state and county meetings were attended by Board members in order that Belchertown's interest would be represented.

We wish to take this opportunity to thank the various department heads for their continued cooperation.

ROBERT D. CAMP, SR.
JOHN W. AVERY
CHARLES F. AUSTIN
Selectmen of Belchertown

Report of the Board of Health

The Board of Health has been quite active during the past year, particularly in the forming of an active low cost program. Much has been accomplished to the satisfaction of both the state and local agencies and, it is hoped, to the residents of Belchertown.

Mr. Max Garber, a trained and properly educated health man, was appointed to act as Health Agent for the town. Thanks to Mr. Garber, the members of the Board, as well as many persons contacted, learned much on matters pertaining to the public health program.

Regulations pertaining to the control of all eating and drinking establishments were passed early in the year. Several inspections were made and the cooperation of the several managements was received at practically all such establishments. The State Department of Public Health attended to the testing of the lake waters.

The local board inspected the shores of the lakes and all sewage disposal systems at the cottages abounding said lakes. We were surprised to learn of so many cottages that are now occupied throughout the year. The valuation of the whole area must have changed considerably.

Dr. Walter H. Lee, District Health Officer, and Mr. Max Garber gave an interesting and educational program on public health at a well attended public meeting during October.

Many inspections, complaints and investigations were attended to as the need occurred on the varying problems.

Another free service available to home builders is the advice and assistance by a qualified sanitation engineer, relative to the installation of septic tanks, etc. Particular attention is called to those with private wells as a water supply.

The most trying day of the year was October 12th, Fair Day.

Thirty-odd, one-day, Common Victuallers licenses were issued on that day. Inspections were made prior to and after the licenses were issued. The board is sure that many aches and pains were averted, due to the large amount of food stuffs that were condemned and destroyed.

We sincerely thank all physicians and the several parents who reported communicable and contagious diseases. Your cooperation has been most gratifying.

We ask your support and approval of the proposed free Chest X-ray Clinic during 1955. The cost will be small for the service rendered.

May we remind the taxpayers and voters that the proposed program for 1955 will cost about 40 cents per person. This will include all phases of the health program.

During 1954, diseases were reported as follows:

Mumps	32
Bacillary Dysentery	1
Infectious Hepatitis	14
Chicken Pox	18
Dog Bite	17
Measles	12
Meningitis	1
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	3
German Measles	6
Salmonellosis	6
Whooping Cough	4

May you all enjoy good health, always.

ROBERT D. CAMP, SR.
JOHN W. AVERY
CHARLES F. AUSTIN
Board of Health

Max Garber, Agent
Kenneth L. Collard, M. D., Physician
Doris Squires (Mrs. Alfred Squires), Report Clerk

Report of Assessors

The money to pay the cost of operating the town is derived from:

1. Taxation of real estate, personal estate and polls.
2. Grants, gifts and reimbursements from the Commonwealth and Federal Governments, and from other citites and towns
3. Receipts of departments, available funds.
4. Licenses, permits and fines.
5. Miscellaneous other sources.

The amount to be raised by taxation was determined in this way:

The amount to be raised in the fiscal year		$347,125.08
Other expenses for the year:		
State Parks and Reservations	673.74	
Same, underestimate for 1953	149.89	
State Audit	1,477.87	
Gypsy and brown tail moths	391.16	
County tax	11,106.03	
Same, underestimate for 1953	59.93	
Overlay of current year	6,638.67	20,497.29
Gross amount to be raised		$367,622.37
Expected revenue from the Commonwealth and all other sources was estimated as	131,103.05	
Taken from available funds	87,114.73	218,217.78
Deducting the expected revenue from the total expected expenditures gave the sum to be raised by taxation as		$149,404.59

Total valuation:			
Personal property		449,373.00	
Real estate:			
Land	515,785.00		
Buildings	1,342,195.00	1,857,980.00	
		$2,307,353.00	
Total tax levy at $64:			
Personal property		28,759.87	
Real estate		118,910.72	
Polls (867)		1,734.00	149,404.59
Added assessments:			
Real estate, 6,300		403.20	
Personal, 200		12.80	
Polls, 2		4.00	420.00

WILLIAM F. KIMBALL, JR.
GEORGE E. BOOTH
DONALD E. KENYON
Board of Assessors

Report of Collector

Real Estate Taxes, 1954		
Warrants of Assessors		$119,313.92
Refunds		409.62
		$119,723.54
Payments to Treasurer	102,628.76	
Abatements	2,448.95	
Outstanding December 31, 1954	14,645.83	119,723.54
Real Estate Taxes, 1953		
Outstanding January 1, 1954		14,623.45
Refunds		49.60
		$14,673.05
Payments to Treasurer	10,904.30	
Abatements	452.60	
Outstanding December 31, 1954	3,316.15	14,673.05
Real Estate Taxes, 1952		
Outstanding January 1, 1954		1,160.97
Refunds		33.00
		$1,193.97
Payments to Treasurer	1,071.87	
Abatements	122.10	1,193.97
Personal Taxes, 1954		
Warrants of Assessors		28,772.68

Payments to Treasurer	24,029.78	
Abatements	104.96	
Outstanding December 31, 1954	4,637.94	28,772.68
Personal Taxes, 1953		
Outstanding January 1, 1954		6,842.01
Payments to Treasurer	3,156.29	
Abatements	280.55	
Outstanding December 31, 1954	3,405.17	6,842.01
Personal Taxes, 1952		
Outstanding January 1, 1954		694.46
To be adjusted		5.34
		$699.80
Payments to Treasurer	560.92	
Abatements	138.88	699.80
Poll Taxes, 1954		
Warrants of Assessors		1,738.00
Refunds		4.00
		$1,742.00
Payments to Treasurer	1,570.00	
Abatements	156.00	
Outstanding December 31, 1954	16.00	1,742.00
Poll Taxes, 1953		
Outstanding January 1, 1954		2.00
Abatements	2.00	2.00
Motor Vehicle Excise, 1954		
Warrants of Assessors		25,507.67
Refunds		556.15
		$26,063.82
Payments to Treasurer	22,602.51	
Abatements	1,281.81	
Outstanding December 31, 1954	2,179.50	26,063.82

Motor Vehicle Excise, 1953		
Outstanding January 1, 1954		2,456.62
Warrants of Assessors		1,068.72
Paid after abatement		37.82
Refunds		193.07
		$3,756.23
Paid to Treasurer	2,750.16	
Abatements	810.94	
Outstanding December 31, 1954	195.13	3,756.23
Motor Vehicle Excise, 1952		
Outstanding January 1, 1954		59.69
Paid to Treasurer	59.69	59.69
Sewer Charges of 1954		
Warrants of Sewer Commissioners		3,726.25
Paid to Treasurer	3,326.25	
Outstanding December 31, 1954	400.00	3,726.25
Sewer Charges, 1953		
Outstanding January 1, 1954		420.36
Paid to Treasurer	368.78	
Outstanding December 31, 1954	51.58	420.36
Water Liens, 1954		
Warrant of Assessors		304.13
Paid to Treasurer	106.34	
Outstanding December 31, 1954	197.79	304.13

WILLIAM E. SHAW, *Collector*

Report of Town Clerk

Marriage intentions filed	44
Marriages recorded	43
Births recorded: 38 males, 27 females	65
Deaths recorded: 16 males, 26 females	42
Sporting licenses issued	477
Duplicate licenses issued	10
Dog licenses issued:	
Male	286
Female	42
Spayed	131
Kennel	8
Gross receipts from dog licenses	$1,164.00
Miortgages, bills of sale, etc., recorded	168

WILLIAM E. SHAW, *Town Clerk*

(see Appendix for details)

Report of Sealer of Weights and Measures

Tested and sealed January 1, 1954—December 31, 1954:

Platform Scales, 10,000 lbs. and over	1
Scales and Balances, 100 lbs. and over	7
Scales and Balances under 100 lbs.	19
Liquid Measure, 1 gal.	1
Gasoline Pumps	16

I have collected and turned over to the Town Treasurer fees amounting to $37.60.

RAYMOND C. GAY,
Sealer of Weights and Measures

Report of Treasurer

Dr.	
Cash in Treasury January 1, 1954	$180,303.74
Cash receipts January 1 to December 31, 1954	557,250.12
	$737,553.86
Cr.	
Warrants of Selectmen and Town Accountant	$566,265.12
Cash in Treasury December 31, 1954	171,288.74
	$737,553.86
Post War Rehabilitation Fund, deposits	$5,705.91
War Memorial Fund, deposits	3,107.43
Trust Funds	
Susan M. D. Bridgman Poor Fund	$3,500.00
George D. Longley School Music Fund	2,742.40
Calvin Bridgman School Fund	7,696.67
Calvin Bridgman Library Fund	4,245.43
Susan Bridgman Cemetery Fund	469.14
Willard A. Stebbins Cemetery Fund	4,717.48
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	26,504.40
Whiting Street Fund	9,910.49

WILLIAM E. SHAW, *Town Treasurer*

Report of Tree Warden

Selectmen of Belchertown
Gentlemen:

I have removed many dead and dangerous trees during the year, also hangers and dead and broken branches from healthy trees. The elms were sprayed twice with DDT by mist blower, while the entire town was sprayed with DDT for gypsy moth by plane in cooperation with the State Conservation Department. The results of this aerial spray were very satisfactory in this area. Much credit for the success of this project goes to Ira Shattuck for his work in mapping the town into flight lanes for the big planes.

Two hurricanes during the fall damaged many trees. I am asking a larger appropriation next year to remove more trees and dead limbs that are becoming hazardous to the public.

I wish to thank the selectmen for their help and cooperation at the time Ira was so seriously injured while removing fallen trees during the Hurricane Carol.

Respectfully yours,

EDWARD B. CONKEY,
Tree Warden

Report of Cemetery Commissioners

On February 28, 1954, the Cemetery Commissioners met and organized with Henry Evanson, Clerk, and Charles Austin, Chairman. During the year eight public meetings were held with all the Commissioners present. It is our intention to have these meetings open to any who have business to come before it.

The big question of the year was, and still is, are there any records of who is buried where, and how many in each lot? The policy of the past has been to be indispensable by keeping records in their head. From what we can gather, there are no written records or plans in existence. The method now in use is to have a relative or some one come to the cemetery and point out the lot that is to be dug.

This state of confusion has existed for many years and will continue, except in the new lots purchsed at Mount Hope where a plan will be made and recorded with the Registry of Deeds. These new lots, approximately 40, should be ready in the early summer of 1955.

The possibility of owning our own equipment, such as a rotary power mower, was discussed and it is the opinion of two members of the Commission that we do this. We are looking at prices now. At the present time, the Town owns the following cemetery equipment: 4 shovels, 2 crow bars, 1 wheelbarrow, 2 hand mowers, 1 trimmer.

The 1954 appropriation was spent as follows:

Appropriation	$1,100.00
Appropriation for Soldiers' Graves	250.00

Charles Austin, labor and machine	$533.20	
Lincoln Cook, labor	382.00	
David Rhodes, labor	37.88	
Conrad Dugre, labor	55.87	
Herbert Squires, labor	6.75	
The Ryther & Warren Co., materials	79.30	
R. C. Gay, express	5.00	$1,100.00
Charles Austin, Soldiers' Graves		250.00

The above money was spent on the eight cemeteries in town. We are asking for a $1,200.00 appropriation for 1955. We welcome questions and suggestions at any of our meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY EVANSON, *Clerk*
CHARLES F. AUSTIN
LINCOLN A. COOK
Commissioners

Report of Dog Officer

Selectmen of Belchertown
Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my annual report as Dog Officer.

Collected taxes on 68 males, 9 females, 2 kennels, and 1 spayed female, receiving $184.00 for same. Picked up and destroyed 28 stray dogs and reported same to William Shaw. Answered 22 calls on dogs doing damage and destroying property.

WALLACE F. CHEVALIER,
Dog Officer

Report of Fire Chief and Forest Warden

Board of Selectmen
Belchertown, Massachusetts
Gentlemen:

The Fire Department responded to the following calls in 1954:

27	Building Fires
24	Brush or Woods Fires
2	Car
11	Flooded Oil Burners

The value of the buildings and contents involved totaled $69,540. Damage was $27,525.00 on which $19,059.75 was paid in insurance.

All water holes were cleaned and several were repaired and enlarged. One new water hole was constructed. I recommend that the sum of $500 be appropriated for water holes so that additional protection may be made available.

I wish to express my appreciation to the School Department for making Fire Prevention a part of the school program. I consider the teaching of Fire Prevention essential if we are to lower our fire losses and preserve our Natural Resources.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH J. KEMPKES, SR.

Fire Chief and Forest Warden

Report of Sewer Commissioners

During the year 1954, eight new service connections were made. A branch sewer was laid across the street to the new street opened by Mrs. Chadbourne and a branch to the Ketchen lot opopsite, as the Massachusetts Department of Public Works notified the Sewer Board that the street could no be opened for the laying of new sewer for a period of five years after completion of the new road.

MILTON C. BAGGS
D. DONALD HAZEN
ELLA A. STEBBINS
Board of Sewer Commissioners

Report of Planning Board

Financial Report for 1954

Balance carried from 1953			$398.92
Appropriations for 1954			
Expenses:			
11-1-54	Lewis H. Blackmer, printing	$5.10	
11-10-54	Typing 10 By-Laws	10.00	15.10
			$383.82

ROY H. KING, *Chairman*

Report of Chief of Police

Selectmen of Belchertown
Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my anual report for the Police Department of the Town of Belchertown for 1954:

Assault and Battery	5
Adultery	3
Breaking and entering and Larceny in the Nighttime	4
Violating Game Laws	2
Driving to Endanger	6
Driving under the Influence of Liquor	3
Drunkenness	9
Violation of Motor Vehicle Laws	24
Non-Support	4
Disturbing the Peace	1
Vagrancy	1
Milk Law	1
Bigamy	1
Total	64

Our Police ambulance has made 33 trips to the different hospitals in our vicinity, covering a total of 1,065 miles for the year. I wish to thank all who have assisted with this service.

Our Department has answered numerous home complaints; received and delivered emergency messages to people having no telephones.

As in the past years, our budget is still not sufficient to take care of the increasing demands.

I wish to thank all the officers and townspeople who have co-operated with this Department during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,
NELSON J. HILL,
Chief of Police

Report of Veterans Services

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

We began the year 1954 with two permanent cases, one of which terminated on April 1, 1954. Five cases were aided during the year on a temporary basis. Again we were instumental in assisting several veterans to make use of the Holyoke Soldiers Home and Veterans Administration facilities. Two applications were, after thorough investigation, rejected.

I would like at this time to thank your Board for its helpful co-operation, and also Mrs. Sporbert for her excellent work as clerk of this agency.

Payments on Permanent Cases	$666.50
Payments on Temporary Cases	731.00
Clerk hire, telephone, and supplies	66.36
Total	$1,463.86

Commonwealth reimburses town one-half of total.

ISAAC A. HODGEN, *Veterans' Agent*

Report of Summer Recreation Committee

The summer recreation program was conducted during the period July 6th through August 13th, and was under the direction of Mr. George Burke of Quincy, Mass., a senior student at the University of Massachusetts. Mr. Burke was assisted by Miss Sandra Rhodes of this town.

The program at Parsons Field on sunny days consisted of competitive sports, such as baseball, dodge ball, softball, foot races, etc. Instructions were also conducted in crafts, including plaster of Paris molding, plastic gimp work, finger painting, shoe button craft and loop pile weaving.

We wish to thank the committee supervising the Old Town Hall for making that building available for basketball, badminton, and other indoor activities on days when the weather prohibited an out-of-door program.

SWIMMING PROGRAM

For the first time, the children of Belchertown were given the opportunity this past summer, to take swimming lessons from a qualified Red Cross swimming instructor. This program was inaugurated by a group of enthusiastic parents with the cooperation of the Hampshire County Chapter of the American Red Cross. The Red Cross introduced this program in the hope that its value would be readily realized and supported by the townspeople as part of the regular summer recreation program in the future.

SOFTBALL LEAGUE

The evening softball games did not come under the jurisdiction of our regular summer recreation program, but it is noteworthy to mention that Parsons Field was enjoyed many evenings throughout the summer season by our local softball league.

This committee greatly appreciates the splendid cooperation shown by all the people of the town in providing a program of healthy recreation for our youngsters.

WILLARD H. YOUNG, SR.
W. PAIGE PIPER
JOHN W. AVERY

Report of Old Town Hall Committee

To the Citizens of Belchertown:

The School Department used the Town Hall for athletic events throughout the year. During the first six months, the Hall was also used as a classroom for elementary pupils. Opening of the Cold Spring School again allowed full use of the Town Hall for civic and sports activity.

Full use of the building for dancing, recreation, Farmers' and Mechanics' Fair, Scout ceremonies, etc., has been enjoyed by the community.

Wear and tear has been offset by needed repairs. Recent plaster patchwork and redecoration of the ceiling was a major project of this type. In early 1955, floor sanding and remarking of court boundaries is planned. This work is necessary to provide a suitable playing surface for school and town sporting events.

WILLARD H. YOUNG, SR.
CHARLES F. AUSTIN
F. L. TURNER, JR.

Report of Elementary School Building Committee

Board of Selectmen
Belchertown, Massachusetts
Gentlemen:

The Elementary School Building Committee herewith submit a report of progress.

When the public schools re-opened for the fall term, the construction and equipping of Cold Spring School had progressed to the extent that it was to the greater advantage of the elementary pupils to be housed in the new building, rather than in the makeshift and over-crowded classrooms used during the previous school year.

In conjunction with the observance of American Education Week, on November 8, from 6:30 p. m. to 9:30 p. m., the Building Committee in cooperation with the School Committee and the Teachers' Association, held Open House at the Cold Spring School. The Committee was very pleased at the number of townspeople who went through the school that night. It was gratifying to hear the favorable comments.

At a meeting in September, it was voted to elect Mr. Carl Peterson to the Committee to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Raymond Burke, when he assumed the duties of clerk-of-the-works for the project.

The Committee would like at this time to thank Mr. Burke for his time and efforts as a Committee member, and for his conscientious service as clerk-of-the-works. His thorough understanding of building construction enabled him to give close inspection of all details of the work, and this has been most satisfying to the Committee and for the best interest of the town.

At the Special Town Meeting held August 23, 1954, the Committee requested an additional appropriation, in order to continue work on the access road, and purchase certain necessary items of building equipment. At this meeting, $9,000.00 was appropriated from available funds for the road and $1,000 00 for equipment. This appropriation made the total amount available to the Committee since the beginning of the project $461,000.00, exclusive of the initial land purchase. When the building was initially voted, it was estimated that $493,000.00 would be the total amount necessary. The Committee has and will continue to make every effort to keep the cost considerably below the originally estimated figure. However, inasmuch as any money spent on the building, grounds, or equipment after final completion cannot be certified to the School Building Assistance Commission for reimbursement, the Committee do not favor an economy at this time that would bring added expense to the town in the immediate years ahead.

Respectfully submitted,

E CLIFTON WITT, *Chairman*
CHRISTINE F. HOLLAND, *Secretary*
ISAAC A. HODGEN
RACHEL G. SHUMWAY
CARL J. PETERSON

Report of Regional School Planning Board

The Belchertown-Granby Regional School Planning Board has had several meetings during the year. The Belchertown Committee has concluded that the financial condition of their town makes it impossible for an immediate increase in indebtedness. The Board is unanimously of the opinion that the two committees should be continued as a Regional School Planning Board, and that steps should be taken to draw up articles of agreement to be voted on by each of the towns.

Surveys including pre-school children have been taken in each of the towns, and establish the fact that each of the towns must plan for additional school rooms. The Board realizes that considerable time will elapse before a regional set-up can function, and that each town will desperately need additional school facilities, before it will be possible to have a regional school building.

MRS. MARGARET W. DICKINSON
NICHOLAS WHITE
HERBERT R. DURANT
ISAAC A. HODGEN
E. CLIFTON WITT
WILLIAM E. SHAW

Report of Regional School Planning Committee

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Realizing that within a few short years Belchertown will again be faced with a shortage of school space, this time at the high school level, your Regional School Planning Committee is endeavoring to prepare facts and figures, which can be submitted to our people for guidance in their selection for whichever program they may choose, when the need arises.

Along this line during the past year, we have conducted a thorough pre-school census, which indicates the upward trend of our school population. Below are the figures, as of Sept. 1, 1954:

Year of Birth	No. of Children
1948	2
1949	67
1950	47
1951	73
1952	66
1953	63
1954 (to Sept. 1)	27

We call to your attention that of these 345 children as listed, only 14 of them are from families of miltary personnel.

We recommend further study by this committee and submit this report as a report of progress.

Respectfully,

ISAAC A. HODGEN
E. CLIFTON WITT
WILLIAM E. SHAW

Report of Civil Defense Director

Board of Selectmen
Belchertown, Mass.
Gentlemen:

During the past year, the State Civil Defense Agency has been in the process of complete reorganization. This has made it impossible to get the assistance of lecturers and instructors as has been the policy in the past. I believe, however, that when this reorganization has been completed, it will make our state and local Civil Defense program much more efficient than ever before.

We have had fewer meetings this year, with most of the assistance coming from Westover Field personnel. I hope to activate the whole organization more this coming year.

I have attended all meetings of the Agency on Federal, State and Regional levels. In some cases Belchertown was also represented at meetings by Advisory Council members or members of the Board of Selectmen.

During 1954 we had to put quite a little into parts for the Alert Steam Siren, at the State School. Mr. Frank Farrington, Sr., took care of the repairing. We also purchased 100 armbands for the various services in our local Agency.

Most of the cost of the G. O. C. building and its expenses, since it opened, were furnished by available Civil Defense funds.

I wish to thank all who so generously offered their services this past year, and to Father Dudley of the St. Francis church for the use of the Pine Room.

I would also like to express my appreciation for the cooperation of the Belchertown State School and the Metropolitan District Commission.

Respectfully submitted,
ARLAN SKINNER
Civil Defense Director

Welfare District Treasurer's Report

ANNUAL REPORT OF TREASURER OF BELCHERTOWN-GRANBY WELFARE DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1954

Cash balance January 1, 1954	$1,548.12	
Receipts January 1 to December 31, 1954	7,073.66	$8,621.78
Payments by Warrants of District Com.	$8,288.21	
Cash balance December 31, 1954	333.57	$8,621.78

WILLIAM E. SHAW, *District Treasurer*

Belchertown-Granby Welfare District Report

Belchertown Board of Public Welfare
Granby Board of Public Welfare
Gentlemen:

We are pleased to submit herewith the third report for the Belchertown-Granby Welfare District, which continues to operate to the mutual advantage of the member towns in the administration of Old Age Assistance, Aid to Dependent Children, Disability Assistance and General Relief.

It might be well at this time, since nearly three years have elapsed since the District became operative April 1, 1952, to review for the benefit of the people the background of the District. It was established under Section 44 of Chapter 117 which authorizes the establishment of Public Welfare Districts in cities and towns, and places the responsibility for the administration thereof on the District Welfare Committee, composed of one member of the Board of Public Welfare of each participating town. Under this law, the District Welfare Committee shall determine the relative amount of services to be performed by the District employees in each town, fix their salaries, and apportion the amount of their salaries and necessary expenses to be paid by each town. The work is performed by State Civil Service employees and is under the supervision of the State Department of Public Welfare. The establishment of the District made it possible for the people of Belchertown and Granby to have access to an office open at regular hours, which would be necessary for the successful operation of the State Medical Care Plan which became effective July 1, 1954. The cost of operating the District is subject to Federal and State reimbursement whereas individual towns receive only Federal reimbursement for administration expenses, with the exception of the cost of administering the Disability Assistance program.

During the year 108 cases were handled, 411 visits and reinvestigations made, and the total expenditure in grants was $77,457.10. The administrative expense for the year was $7,479.06, of which $5,264.51 was reimbursed from the Federal Government and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, with $1,476.37 being charged to Belchertown and $738.18 being charged to Granby (ratio 66⅔% Belchertown; 33⅓% Granby). In 1955 the town's share of the District expense will be prorated at the rate of 62½% for Belchertown and 37½% for Granby.

A statement of receipts and expenses follows:

Receipts:

	B'town	Granby	Tot. for Towns	Total
Cash balance 1/1/54	$1,161.06	$387.06	$1,548.12	
Transfer from B'town	500.00		500.00	
Transfer from Granby		500.00	500.00	
Federal Grants	1,955.21	977.60	2,932.81	
Commonwealth of Mass.	1,554.47	777.23	2,331.70	
	$5,170.74	$2,641.89	$7,812.63	$7,812.63
Withholdings				809.15
Total				$8,621.78
Expenses:				
Operating costs	$4,986.04	$2,493.02	$7,479.06	$7,479.06
Withholdings				809.15
Total				$8,288.21
Balance on hand	$184.70	$148.87	$333.57	$333.57

Itemized Expenditures:

Salaries	$5,529.08	
Travel	392.67	
Postage	191.27	
Office Supplies	154.30	
Telephone	167.10	
Equipment Maintenance	19.75	
Rental and Maintenance	684.08	
Compensation Insurance	38.82	
Treasurer's Bond	13.72	
Legal Expense	35.00	
Daily Hampshire Gazette	15.00	
Social Service Index	10.00	
Hampshire County Retirement System	171.32	
Other	56.95	$7,479.06
Withholdings		809.15
Total		$8,288.21

LINDOLPH O. PARKER
JOHN W. AVERY
District Welfare Committee

Lena N. Wilson, *Agent*

Welfare District Agent's Report

Board of Public Welfare
Belchertown, Mass.
Gentlemen:

This office is pleased to report for 1954 on all categories of the Public Welfare program in Belchertown and the cost to Belchertown for administering the same. During the year, 79 Belchertown cases were handled, 300 visits and reinvestigations made on the same, for which the total expenditure in grants was $60,685.54, and the cost to Belchertown for its share of the operating cost of the Belchertown-Granby Welfare District was $1,476.37 or 2.4% of the total expenditure in grants.

The State Medical Care Plan, which became effective July 1, 1954, created considerable interest and comment at the time of its inauguration and we are happy to report that the cooperation of the physicians, nurses, druggists, recipients and all others involved has made the successful operation of the Plan possible. Since this Plan requires a closer contact by the recipient with the welfare office than heretofore, the District is beneficial in providing for Belchertown recipients access to an office open at regular hours.

The increase in the amount received by Belchertown recipients from Old Age and Survivor's Insurance, effective October 1, 1954, is also worthy of mention since it should result in a decreased expenditure of about $720.00 a year in grants.

At the close of the year the Town of Belchertown held 19 liens against the property of Old Age Assistance recipients. A collection of $2,108.60 was made on a lien during the year which has not yet been apportioned.

It is interesting to note by way of comparison that the total cost to Belchertown for the administration of $60,685.54 in aid in grants for 1954 under the Belchertown-Granby Welfare District and including the Board of Public Welfare salaries was $1,690.54 as compared with the fact that the cost for administering $62,847.20 in aid in grants was $2,523.99 for 1951, the year prior to the establishment of the District.

A statistical report for the four categories of relief follows:

	OAA	ADC	DA	GR
Number of cases 1/1/54	61	0	2	0
Trans. to town from other towns	1	2	0	1
New applications approved	3	0	1	6
Reapplications approved	0	1	0	3
Applications rejected	0	0	0	1
Cases closed by death	5	0	0	1
Transferred from town	4	0	0	0
Attained technical ineligibility	2	0	0	7
Withdrew from assistance	1	1	0	0
Number of persons aided in 1954	65	7	3	37
Number of cases aided in 1954	65	2	3	9
Number of cases 12/31/54	53	2	3	0

The itemized account of receipts and expenditures of each of the categories of assistance is as follows:

Old Age Assistance

Expenditures		
Aid in grants	$54,564.55	
To other cities and towns	1,092.25	
Total expense	———	$55,656.80
Receipts		
Federal grants in aid	$22,850.48	
State reimbursement	22,837.03	
From other cities and towns	1,650.13	
Cancelled checks and refunds	803.30	

Old Age Assistance meals tax	1,726.83	
Total receipts		$49,867.77
Net cost for Old Age Assistance		$5,789.03
Recovery to be apportioned	$2,108.60	
Aid to Dependent Children		
Expenditures		
Aid in grants	$616.99	
Total expense		$616.99
Receipts		
State reimbursement		101.76
Net cost for Aid to Dependent Children		$515.23
Disability Assistance		
Expenditures		
Aid in grants	$3,274.54	
Total expense		$3,274.54
Receipts		
Federal aid in grants	$1,112.00	
State reimbursements	1,102.34	
Total receipts		$2,214.34
Net cost for Disability Assistance		$1,060.20
General Relief		
Expenditures		
Local payments for maintenance	$394.67	
Fuel	18.15	
Hospitalizations	202.00	
Physicians	44.00	
Drugs	14.43	
Glasses	12.00	
Burials	150.00	
To other cities and towns	379.56	
Total expense		$1,214.81

Receipts		
State reimbursement	$336.82	
From other cities and towns	58.49	
From individuals	17.30	
Total receipts	———	412.61
Net cost for General Relief		$802.20

Administration

Expenditures		
Belchertown-Granby Welfare District	$1,476.37	
Belchertown Board of Public Welfare	425.00	
Filing fee	1.50	
Qualifying examination, D. A.	5.00	
Total expense	———	$1,907.87
Receipts		
Federal administrative grants, OAA	$206.48	
Federal administrative grants, ADC	.97	
Federal administrative grants, DA	6.59	
State administrative grants, DA	3.29	
Total receipts	———	$217.33
Cost for administration		$1,690.54

Recapitulation

	Expenses	Receipts	Net Cost
Old Age Assistance	$55,656.80	$49,867.77	$5,789.03
Aid to Dependent Children	616.99	101.76	515.23
Disability Assistance	3,274.54	2,214.34	1,060.20
General Relief	1,214.81	412.61	802.20
Administration	1,907.87	217.33	1,690.54
	$62,671.01	$52,813.81	$9,857.20

Net cost for the Town of Belchertown for 1954 for Public Welfare	$9,857.20

In closing I should like to express my appreciation to the local Chapter of the American Red Cross and the various individuals in the community for the cooperation we have received from them in supplying transportation throughout the year. This year, much more than in previous years, the need for transportation to clinics, etc., has arisen and a large proportion of this need was met by the thoughtfulness and generosity of those who offered their services.

Respectfully submitted,
LENA N. WILSON
District Welfare Agent

Annual Report

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

ORGANIZATION

School Committee

	Term Expires
MRS. FANNY G. MOREY, Chairman	1955
WALTER P. PIPER	1956
FITZHUGH L. TURNER	1957

Superintendent of Schools and Secretary of School Committee

CARL J. PETERSON Mill Valley Road, Belchertown
Telephone Residence: 4791
Office: 3111

Secretary and Clerk

Mrs. May Rose Dewey, Residence, No. Main St., Belchertown
Telephone Residence: 3591

Meetings of School Committee

At 8:00 P. M. on the Second Wednesday of the Month

School Nurse

MRS. TIRZAH JUSKALIAN, R. N., Green Avenue, Belchertown
Telephone Residence: 2832
Office: 4371

School Physician

JAMES L. COLLARD, M. D., Maple St., Belchertown
Telephone Residence: 2411

Attendance Officer

CLARENCE HUBBARD Ware Road, Belchertown
Telephone Residence: 2351

No School Signal

4 Siren Signals at 7:15 A. M.

Report of School Committee

To the Citizens of Belchertown:

Two major developments highlighted the progress of the Public Schools during the year. The first was the long awaited improvement in pupil housing made possible by the opening of the new Cold Spring School. The second was a necessary change in the scheduling and routing of school busses.

The closing of schools for the summer vacation marked the end of the need for overtaxing existing classroom facilities, and utilizing makeshift classrooms in other public buildings. The changes in building utilization, and the shifts in the distribution of pupils and classes resulting from the opening of the new elementary school will be covered in detail in the reports of the building principals.

The Committee wish to take this opportunity to thank the Selectmen, Old Town Hall Committee, and Trustees of Clapp Memorial Library for their cooperation in recent years in making available space for temporary classroom use.

Belchertown is a large town in area, and consequently has many miles of roads. Each year, more homes are being built, and many of these are located well away from the center of town. The transportation of the rapidly increasing number of bus pupils resulted in a double trip arrangement that proved very unsatisfactory. Parents complained, because many young children had to be brought to school long before the start of the morning session, and remain there equally long in the afternoon after close of the school day. The assignment of teachers to the supervision of these bus groups was not conducive to good teacher morale.

All bus contracts terminated in June, and the Committee received permission from the State Department of Education to operate busses for four months without contracts awarded by competitive bidding, in order to allow for some experimentation prior to the establishement of definite routes. This permission was necessary, in order not to jeopardize the transportation reimbursement the town annually receives from the Commonwealth. At a joint meeting of the Committee and all bus owners, an agreement was reached for the continued operation of the existing busses for a four month period without contracts, and with each owner agreeing to make such changes and adjustments within the period as the Committee requested.

A graphic aid was prepared by using colored pins on a map of the town to represent the home of each bus pupil. Four different colors were used to differentiate pupils in the primary, intermediate, junior high and senior high grades. With this aid, future enrollment data, and figures showing the operational and replacement costs of school busses, the Committee worked to achieve a solution that would be practical, economical and for the best interest of the health and safety of the pupils. It was finally voted to change the daily session for grades seven and eight and the high school, so that these pupils would not be transported with the elementary pupils. This change not only improved pupil transportation, but also made possible a most desirable change in the high school hours.

Because of the sharp increase in the cost of transportation, the Committee limited all contracts to a one-year period. During 1955, a further study will be made to determine any possible ways to reduce the cost. To date, the alternate solution has indicated a sharp increase in cost, with no attendant benefits to the total school program. The Committee are appreciative of the cooperation received from the bus owners.

By unanimous vote, the Belchertown School Committee respectfully ask the town to appropriate the sum of $173,924.00 for the running of the schools during 1955.

PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET FOR 1955

	Appropriation 1954	Appropriation 1955
GENERAL CONTROL	$9,940.00	$10,740.00
INSTRUCTION	87,502.00	97,835.00
OPERATION OF SCHOOL PLANT	16,119.00	20,450.00
REPAIRS AND REPLACEMENTS	3,000.00	3,000.00
TRANSPORTATION OF PUPILS	22,016.00	32,000.00
HEALTH	3,350.00	3,580.00
MISCELLANEOUS	457.00	632.00
HOUSEHOLD ARTS	4,116.00	4,187.00
OUTLAY	1,000.00	1,200.00
LIBRARY	150.00	300.00
	$147,650.00	$173,924.00

SECTION 10 of School Aid, Chapter 643, Acts of 1948, requires School Committees when submitting their school budgets, to include an estimate of the following receipts:

Group A.		
1. School Aid, Chapter 643	$35,820.13	
2. Transportation	24,389.90	
3. Superintendent Reimbursement	3,333.33	
4. Vocational, Household Arts	1,933.41	65,476.77
Group B.		
1. Tuition & Transportation State Wards	6,920.07	
2. Tuition (non-resident) Granby	250.00	7,170.07
		$72,646.84

Total to be expended for support of Schools		$173,924.00
Minus Group A.	$65,476.77	
Group B	7,170.07	72,646.84
Approximate amount to be raised by local taxation		$101,277.16

FANNY G. MOREY
WALTER P. PIPER
FITZHUGH L. TURNER
School Committee

Report of Superintendent of Schools

Members of the School Committee and Citizens of Belchertown.

I herewith submit my third annual report on the Belchertown Public Schools.

From an administrative point of view, the past year has been most gratifying. The number one problem for many years has been the shortage of desirable classroom space. This problem was solved with the opening of the Cold Spring School. It is not yet possible to evaluate the educational advantages that have resulted, but an overview of the progress of the past four months indicates the development of a much more effective twelve year school program.

A good school system needs good school plant facilities and an adequacy of instructional materials but most of all the basic need is a corps of well prepared and well adjusted teachers. Preparation includes training and experience. Adjustment is determined by many factors including: grade or subject assignment, pupil load, classroom environment, public recognition of the importance of good teaching, and, a salary schedule consistent with the current salary status of teachers in nearby or similar communities.

A critical situation is arising in Belchertown, due to the lag in teachers' salaries. In this report I do not wish to be an alarmist, but each year the national and state statistics relative to teacher shortage, increased enrollments and higher salaries for beginning teachers become more pertinent to the local situation. I suggest that this problem be given top priority consideration during the coming year.

In a departure from the practice of previous years I asked all of the principals and supervisors to submit written reports. These reports are not printed in their entirety but the following excerpts describe the progress and changes in our school system during the past year.

FRANKLIN SCHOOL

Miss Eleanor Fitzgerald, Principal

During the past year there have been some changes and activities worthy of mention at Franklin School.

Adjustable furniture has been installed in two rooms, while movable furniture has replaced the old type in the third room.

In order to relieve some of the congestion here, the children of Mill Valley District are being transported to the Cold Spring School. It was with deep regret that we transferred these pupils but our connections with them will always be cherished.

American Education Week was observed with Open House in the evening and regular classes during the day. More than fifty parents visited the school. We appreciate the interest shown by the parents.

Educational trips were taken to the Stone House, Cook's Canyon, and the Ludlow Dairy during the year.

A part of a much needed sidewalk has been constructed on Franklin Street. For the safety of children who walk northward from the school, it is hoped that the town will see fit to continue the walk as far as Pine Street.

COLD SPRING SCHOOL

Mr. Elwyn J. Doubleday, Principal

The new Cold Spring School opened on September 13, 1954 with the following enrollment:

	Boys	Girls	Totals
Grade 1A	17	17	34
1B	18	14	32
2A	15	13	28
2B	14	12	26
3A	15	12	27
3B	15	14	29
4A	14	14	28
4B	18	13	31
5A	18	19	37
5B	16	19	35
6A	17	13	30
6B	18	13	31
			368

The new building has twelve classrooms, an all-purpose room, a clinic, teachers' room, cafeteia, ample supply closets, and janitors' storage.

Two new teachers were added to the staff to teach Grade 6, Mrs. Rachel Shumway and Mrs. Margaret Austin. In addition the following teaching assignments were made:

Grade 1—Mrs. Doris Crespi; Miss Beverly Royce
Grade 2—Miss Irene Orlando; Miss Mildred Robbins
Grade 3—Mrs. Blanche Austin; Miss Alice Flaherty
Grade 4—Miss Ruth Rietzel; Mrs. Madeleine Lambert

Mrs. Tirzah Juskalian, School Nurse, moved to her new clinic in the building. Mr. Carl Hagman and Mr. George Dewey assumed the responsibilities of custodians.

The cafeteria began operation on October 4, 1954, under the direction of Mrs. Phyllis Mullane. Appoximately 250 Type A and 40 Type C lunches are being served each day. Every child, whether he brings his lunch or not, eats with his class in the cafeteria with the exception of approximately eleven children who go home to lunch.

On November 8 an Open House was held at which time several hundred parents and friends visited the school. All teachers of the entire school system were present to help in conducting people around the building.

On November 16 the new bus schedule began, making it possible for all bus pupils to arrive after 8:30 A. M., and to leave promptly at dismissal time.

In October the Otis Mental Ability Test was administered as part of the testing program. The results of these tests are helpful for teaching, administrative, and guidance purposes.

Mrs. Cook continued her music program, meeting each class once every two weeks. Her work for the year ended with a fine musical program presented as the School Christmas Program.

The Rinehart Handwriting Supervisors made regular visits with notable results in the improvement of handwriting.

A few books were purchased to supplement our reading program and great stress has been placed in all grades on improvement in reading.

It is hoped that the spelling program can be revised immediately after the new year.

Since the road, sidewalk and playground are incomplete, the custodial duties have been greatly increased and teachers are required to be with their pupils at all times. The All Purpose Room has been a tremendous asset as an area for supervised play.

It is a pleasure to be working in such pleasant surroundings and I am certain that the results of the advantages of such a fine building will prove themselves over the years.

CENTER SCHOOL

Mr. Donald E. Geer, Principal

On September 8, 1954, for the first time in the history of Belchertown, the Center School opened for grades 7 and 8 with an enrollment of 120 pupils as follows:

	Boys	Girls	Totals
Grade 8	32	26	58
Grade 7	26	36	62

As of December 31, 1954, the enrollment had increased to 131 pupils as follows:

Grade 8	34	29	63
Grade 7	29	39	68

The building has been partially restored to the original, in that the four main classrooms are being used as such, while the large assembly room, which had been divided into one large and one small classroom, is now being used as an auditorium and reading room respectively.

The teaching staff consists of four permanent teachers, with an additional two on loan from the high school staff for a total of three periods per day.

This year, in addition to the regular program for grades 7 and 8, we are able to provide a great deal more, which helps to give the children a more well-rounded education.

1. Household Arts is provided for both grade 7 and 8 girls.
2. A more well-rounded physical education program can be provided for the boys.
3. Music periods are available at times other than when the music supervisor visits.
4. A library and reading room is available for the use of the children
5. There is greater opportunity for participation in extra-curricula activities as follows:
    a. Class officers have additional duties.
    b. School social functions are provided. Halloween and Christmas parties have been held.
    c. A Student Council has been formed which has taken part in the following activities:
        1. The governing of the use of the library and reading room
        2. Drawing up regulations concerning social functions
        3. Helping to improve the condition of the school building and grounds
        4. Conducting a drive for funds for the North Church

Steeple Fund

d. A school athletic program can be offered

6. A graduation program for grade 8 can be provided.

It is our hope that in the future our program can be expanded to better meet the demands of those going into high school, and still provide those who find it necessary to complete their education with Grade 8 with the essential requirements for life. With this in view, it is hoped that an additional staff member can be assigned permanently, so that a remedial program can be conducted for those who are in need, without reducing classroom time available for others.

Although the building and playground are much more suitable to the needs of the children than was true in the immediate past, a great deal of improvement in their condition is inevitable. The building is badly in need of better lighting and more adequate furniture. The present furniture is old, badly scarred, and most of it too small for the children of this age group. The playground, although adequate to accommodate the children, is badly in need of improvement to prevent the accidents to which the children have been prone in the past.

If all or any of these suggestions can be realized during the coming year. the Center School will more than contribute its due share to the education of the children of Belchertown.

HIGH SCHOOL

Mr. Guy E. Harrington, Principal

The enrollment in September, 1954, was as follows:

	Boys	Girls	Totals
Seniors	13	11	24
Juniors	16	14	30
Sophomores	16	17	33
Freshmen	20	17	37
	—	—	—
	65	59	124

There were ten girls and twelve boys in the 1954 graduating class. Of this group, Donald Dugre, Robert Lindquist, Leland Miner, Robert Morse and Ann Young are freshmen at the University of Massachusetts; Madeline Fitzgerald is enrolled at American International College; David Hodgen and Clifford McGinnis are freshmen at the Stockbridge School of the University of Massachusetts; Shirley Cutting and Lois Rhodes have employment at the Connecticut General Insurance Company, Hartford; William Hubbard has enlisted in the United States Navy; Blanchette Eaton is employed at the Fire Marine Insurance Company, Springfield; Nancy Booth has a position with Massachusetts Mutual in Springfield; Bernice Mish has secretarial work at the University of Massachusetts; Esther Pierce is employed at the Springfield Library; Mary Brown is working at Jackson's Store; Conrad Kirby is on duty with the National Air Force Guard; John Morrow has work at the Hotel Northampton; Donald Bock has had employment at the First National Store, and plans to attend a course in mechanics in the Air Force Reserves; Charles Bush has had employment at the Rogers' Plastics; and Elaine Bentley and William King are at home.

Mr. Donald Geer, Mrs. Bernadette Bowler and Miss Janet Ross left the high school building last fall to teach at the Center School, where Mr. Geer is now principal. Mr. Elwyn Doubleday and Mrs. Madeleine Lambert transferred to the Cold Spring School, of which Mr. Doubleday is the principal. Miss Elizabeth Huller is teaching modern languages in a Springfield high school. Our loss of these teachers is keenly felt.

Mr. Stanley Hoinacki and Mrs. Roberta Hoinacki are the new faculty members. They are both graduates of the University of Bridgeport. Mr. Hoinacki has classes in science and Mrs. Hoinacki teaches French and English.

The removal of grades six, seven and eight from the high school building has given more room for high school subjects and study halls. This allows greater opportunity for the individual student to experience a greater sense of accomplishment.

The program of studies at Belchertown High School offers courses that provide for the educational needs of the pupils. The following paragraphs describe briefly most of the subjects that pupils may study in this high school.

The English curriculum consists of those courses, activities and units of instruction designed to develop the communication skills of reading, writing, listening and speaking, of value to all pupils in their personal, social and occupational life. The courses in English place particular stress on accuracy and comprehension in reading, in vocabulary development, clarity and fluency in speaking, and in correct, logical grammatical arrangement in writing. Because of the intimate connection between English and other subjects, every effort is made to relate English to a wide range of experiences in the total program of the school.

Our foreign language program consists of two years of Latin and two years of French. These courses propose to make the students read the languages with a fair degree of ease and enjoyment and develop an understanding and appreciation of the ways of life of people of other countries.

Courses in algebra, plane geometry, consumers' mathematics, advanced algebra, trigonometry, and solid geometry make provisions for pupils to develop skills and abilities in the areas of mathematics.

Our science curriculum is made up of courses in general science, biology, chemistry and physics. Major emphasis is upon the understanding and application of major scientific principles, the development of competence in the use of the scientific method, desirable attitudes, interests and appreciations related to science and its applications.

Our social studies include courses in civics, occupational civics, world history, economics, economic geography, United States history and problems of democracy. These subjects are designed to develop in each pupil an understanding and appreciation of the principles and tenets of democratic living.

Courses offered in the commercial field include two years each of typewriting, bookkeeping and shorthand. Commercial law is an elective subject. These courses are designed to meet the common needs in the area of business of all pupils who desire to prepare for employment in business occupations.

Household Arts is offered during the first two years of high school. The purpose of these courses is to give instruction to meet the home- and family-life need of pupils.

In addition to the regular scheduled school subjects, various activities and programs have been observed throughout the school year. These have included performances by the dramatic club, the driver education and training course, assemblies (The House of Magic Show was noteworthy), the Iowa Tests of Educational Development, Aptitude Tests by officials from the Ware DES office, educational trips and tours. the publication of the "Oracle" and yearbook, the showing of educational films, student government day campaigns, the Senior Class play, the Civics Hobby Show, the American Legion Oratorical Contest, P. T. A. panel discussion, pupil attendance at Boys' and Girls' State, athletic contests, dances, the senior class trip to New York and Washington, class participation in the Belchertown Fair and magazine drives.

VOCATIONAL HOUSEHOLD ARTS

Mrs. Florence Jackson, Instructor

The Household Arts Department tries to give the girls a good start in the various phases of homemaking. It is very gratifying when the methods learned at school are carried over into the home, and there is much evidence that this is the case. Many of the mothers are working outside, and their daughters are having an excellent opportunity of putting their knowledge to practical use.

Moreover, with a nation-wide tendency toward earlier marriages, and a consequently shorter span between finishing school and starting in as a housewife, many a high-school girl is not going to wait long before she is faced with the necessity of making her own home a desirable place for good American living.

This year for the first time, Household Arts is being taught to the girls in the seventh grade as well as those in the eighth. These youngsters now start the course together. Next year, the eighth grade will have more advanced work, as the new plan gives them an additional year. They are taught the use of the sewing machines in making aprons, cotton skirts, and blouses. In Foods classes they learn to make quite a variety of quick breads and suitable breakfast dishes. Stress is put on the "Basic Seven", all of which are essential for good meal planning. At present 31 eighth grade girls and 40 seventh grade girls are enrolled in the course.

The thirteen Freshman girls in Household Arts are continuing their work in Clothing, with greater stress being placed on the use of patterns, alterations, and construction of garments. They study the construction, use, and care of various fabrics, both natural and synthetic. The choice of materials and colors best suited to the individual girl is also emphasized. In Foods we strive for greater skill in the preparation of low-cost meals, with attention to proper balancing for good health.

The nine Sophomore girls are continuing their work in Clothing, and are developing the more professional touch. Their projects thus far include a suit, dresses of both cotton and rayon, blouses, skirts, a child's snow suit, slacks, and one girl is now working on a tailored wool jacket for spring wear.

The Foods section continues in the work of higher skill in preparation and planning. Each spring the Sophomores plan and prepare a formal dinner for the Advisory Council, the Superintendent, and the High School Principal. Last May it was most interesting to watch the boys preparing and serving a turkey dinner! Their pertubation grew almost to the point of desertion! However, they did an excellent job, even to the raised rolls and the dressing.

It is hoped to offer the Sophomore girls the Red Cross Home Nursing Course this year. Mrs. Juskalian, the School Nurse, works on this in conjunction with the Household Arts instructor. In this unit they learn how to keep a patient comfortable in bed during a long illness, with all the care that such a confinement entails. They also study the feeding of the sick, the choice of foods, and the attractive preparation of a tray.

Throughout the work in Household Arts, much more than "Foods" and "Clothing" (or "Cooking" and "Sewing", as they were once termed) is being taught. Almost all phases of homemaking are included, as laboratory tasks, as demonstrations, or as class discussions. Such problems as baby sitting, getting along with one's own little brother, or with the not-so-little brother of another family, proper etiquette at parties, girl-boy relations, and so on are taken up at one time or another, often in connection with approaching school functions. In the relatively informal atmosphere of the homemaking lab, it is possible to get very close to adolescent puzzlements.

Each year some field trips are planned, including one to Trade High School in Springfield and another to Handy's Meat Packing Plant. Last spring a group of the Freshman girls attended the annual Fashion Show at Technical High School in Springfield. They also had a trip to the University of Massachusetts, where they saw the whole Household Arts plant, including the new dining hall and its kitchens.

The cooperation of the parents is always a great help to the girls, and gives them the opportunity of continuing their studies in that very practical laboratory, the home. As has been said before, in almost all of the other courses, the school provides the student with the materials necessary for the work. Here it is naturally necessary for each girl to provide her own materials for sewing projects. Unless they have these, much of the potential value of the work is missed.

The cooperation and help of the Advisory Council is always appreciated.

MUSIC

Mrs. Clara Cook, Supervisor

Singing, though followed with no thought of professionalism, gives pleasure to one's self and ultimately to one's friends. Its appeal is universal. Singing gives a pleasanter, richer speaking voice and improved speech; thereby, adding to the charm of personality. Singing fortifies health, widens culture, refines the intelligence, enriches the imagination, makes for happiness and endows life with an added zest.

In grades one, two, three and four, rote songs are taught with the help of the teacher or by records. Note reading starts from books in grade two and continues through grade six. Extra activity in music includes rhythm band, folk and square dancing, marching drills, and instruction with tonettes, recorders and autoharp.

The Junior High chorus has done very fine work this year. The transfer of the Seventh and Eighth grades to the Center School has made it possible to make music a more integral part of the daily curriculum.

There are two glee clubs in the High School because the group is too large to combine at present.

It is a pleasure to work with the Belchertown boys and girls.

HEALTH

Mrs. Tirzah D. Juskalian, R. N.

The new Cold Spring School will be responsible, directly or indirectly, in the administration of a more effective Health Program. The beautiful Clinic, although not yet fully equipped, will be an adequate health room. The spaciousness and modern (artificial and natural) lighting facilities makes it ideal for detailed examinations, for giving emergency care, and for performing the Hearing and Vision Tests. The modern drinking fountains, sinks and toilets throughout the building are a great asset toward better school health.

My emphasis in 1954 has been on good eating and sleeping habits. This was discussed with individual pupils or small groups whenever possible. It was quite evident that students who were habitually listless, did poor work and were frequently absent were those who went to bed late, "skipped" breakfast and either ate no lunch or one that was inadequate. Therefore, the new lunch room is not only "a thing of beauty" but has a definite effect upon the promotion and maintenance of good health. Many parents have expressed the wish that our other schools be included in this program.

In April all the Seniors present were transported by bus to the Mary Lane Hospital for Chest X-rays. Those absent were taken by the Nurse to Northampton at a later date.

It is now a State Law that every child must have a Hearing Test and a Vision Test every year. We are fortunate in owning a Vision Kit presented by the Lions Club in 1950, but do not have an Audiometer for Hearing. This instrument is borrowed, for a limited time, from the Massachusetts Department of Health each year.

During October and November an all-day "work shop" was held at the Cold Spring School Clinic with ten nurses from neighboring towns attending. The purpose of these meetings was to review the Hearing Tests with the new nurses who have joined the School Nurses and Public Health Units in this area. The *Revised* Massachusetts Vision Test effective September 1954 was also demonstrated. A specialist from Boston was our instructor.

Last June I had the honor of being invited to attend a three-day "Seminar in Health Education for Secondary Schools," held at the University of Massachusetts. This was sponsored by the Masssachusetts Department of Education and Massachusetts Department of Public Health. After the formal addresses given by prominent educators and panels, there were small group discussions which enabled everyone to participate and exchange ideas.

It was pointed out at this conference that the Health Needs of high school pupils are in the following areas: "medical and dental services, health counseling, integrated and factual health instruction and a healthful school environment which will foster the proper growth and development of pupils." In October, Mr. Hiram Nickerson, Health Educator for the Department, visited here as a result of the Seminar. It was strongly advised that a Health Council be formed in Belchertown, consisting of a very representative group. He cited some towns where similar groups had been very successful.

This year, sore throats and coughing was prevalent. During November and December, there was rather a large number of Chicken Pox cases. After the holidays, the attendance was back to normal.

The teachers are constantly with the students all day, and I depend on them to a great extent in obtaining for each pupil the best physical, emotional and mental health.

I should like to take this opportunity to thank Dr. James Collard for the sound guidance given me in the operation of the school health program. Much credit also goes to Mrs. Minnie Davis for making the job of taking over easier by her wise explanation and definition of the work.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, I wish to express my appreciation to members of the School Committee for their continued support and encouragement.

I would like to acknowledge the loyal service rendered by Mrs. Howard Davis during her career as School Nurse. She was instrumental in developing an effective school health program.

During the summer, Mrs. William Shaw requested that she be relieved of her duties as Principal of the Center School. Mrs. Shaw gave freely of her time and effort during the period that she was administrator of this building.

The past year has been one of readjustment and change for all members of the school staff. I would like to commend all concerned for their cooperation and effort.

Respectfully submitted,
CARL J. PETERSON
Superintendent of Schools

ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 1, 1954

SCHOOL	GRADES												TOTAL
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
Cold Spring Sch.	69	55	56	60	73	63							376
Center							63	66					129
Franklin	13	12	15	14	16	16							86
High School									47	31	25	25	128
	82	67	71	74	89	79	63	66	47	31	25	25	719

School Financial Report

CLASSIFICATION OF SCHOOL EXPENDITURES, 1954

GENERAL CONTROL		
School Committee		
Salaries	$325.00	
Expenses	23.06	$348.06
Superintendent of Schools		
Salary	5,953.82	
Expenses—including in and out-of-state travel, clerical help, postage, stationery, telephone	3,743.78	
Law Enforcement	46.34	9,743.94
INSTRUCTION		
Teachers' Salaries	82,378.57	
Teachers' Expenses	86.87	
Instructional Supplies	4,826.78	87,292.22
OPERATION OF SCHOOL PLANT		
Janitor Service	7,950.12	
Operation of Expense: Supplies, Telephone, Electricity, Water	3,031.46	
Fuel	5,414.17	16,395.75
MAINTENANCE OF SCHOOL PLANT		
Repairs and Replacements	2,868.36	2,868.36
AUXILIARY AGENCIES		
Promotion of Health	3,318.52	
Transportation of Pupils	22,421.99	25,740.51

MISCELLANEOUS	473.62	473.62
CAPITAL OUTLAY		
Building Alteration and New Equipment	848.50	848.50
HOUSEHOLD ARTS	3,801.42	3,801.42
LIBRARY	92.40	92.40
Total Expenditures from Appropriation		$147,604.78
From Special Funds:		
George Barden Fund	10.51	10.51
TOTAL COST OF SCHOOLS		$147,615.29
RECEIPTS:		
Appropriation of 1954	$147,650.00	
Available Funds (George Barden)	10.51	147,660.51
BALANCE RETURNED TO TOWN		$45.22
RECEIPTS—Paid to the town of Belchertown from other sources than local taxation:		
Dept. of Public Welfare, State Wards	$6,920.07	
School Aid (Chapter 643)	32,370.13	
Transportation	17,388.25	
Superintendent reimbursement	3,333.33	
Vocational Household Arts	1,957.27	61,969.05
RECAPITULATION		
Total Cost of Schools		$147,615.29
Reimbursement from State	61,969.05	
Used from Available Funds	10.51	61,979.56
Actual cost to Town of Belchertown 1954		$85,635.73
Actual cost to Town of Belchertown 1953		66,729.13

School Calendar

SEPTEMBER 8, 1954 TO JUNE 24, 1955

1954

September 8—Wednesday—Schools open

October 12—Tuesday—Schools close—Columbus Day

October 22—Friday—Schools close—Hampden County Teachers Association Convention

November 11—Thursday—Schools close—Veterans' Day

November 24, 25, 26—Wednesday (noon), Thursday, Friday—Schools close—Thanksgiving Vacation

November 29—Monday—Schools reopen

December 23—Thursday (noon)—Schools close—Christmas Vacation

1955

January 3—Monday—Schools reopen

February 22—Tuesday—Schools close—Washington's Birthday

February 25—Friday—Schools close—Midwinter Vacation

March 7—Monday—Schools reopen

April 8—Friday—Schools close—Good Friday

April 19—Tuesday—Schools close—Patriots' Day

April 29—Friday—Schools close—Spring Vacation

May 9—Monday—Schools reopen

May 30—Monday—Schools close—Memorial Day

June 17—Friday—Elementary Schools close—Summer Vacation

June 24—Friday—High School closes—Summer Vacation

83rd Commencement

OF THE

BELCHERTOWN HIGH SCHOOL

June 17

1954

Lawrence Memorial Hall

8:00 P. M.

GRADUATES

Elaine Louise Bentley
Donald Francis Bock
Nancy Edith Booth
Mary Elizabeth Brown
Charles Myron Bush
Shirley Ann Cutting
Donald Harvey Dugre
Blanchette Eunice Eaton
Madeline Marie Fitzgerald
David George Hodgen
William Lyman Hubbard
William Alton King
Conrad Richard Kirby
Robert Henry Lindquist
Clifford Wendell McGinnis
Leland Phillips Miner
Bertha Mish
John Lawrence Morrow
Robert Killikelly Morse
Esther Mae Pierce
Lois Mae Rhodes
Ann Jacqueline Young

PROGRAM

Processional		Mrs. Louis Shumway, **Accompanist**
Invocation		Rev. George R. Dudley
Song	"God Rest Our Glorious Land" Chorus	*Carl Engel*
Salutatory		Ann Young
Songs	"Hikers" "No Man Is An Island" "Let There Be Music" Chorus	*Carl W. Vandre* *Fred Waring's Arrangement* *Francis Williams*
Valedictory		Madeline Fitzgerald
Song	"My Friend" Seniors	*E. Drake and J. Shirl*
Introduction of speaker of the evening		Carl J. Peterson **Superintendent**
Address		Professor Theodore A. Wiel, **Springfield College**
Emory F. Munsell Award		Guy E. Harrington
Lions Club Scholarship		Frank Scialla
Arnold C. Martinelli, Jr., Memorial Scholarships		Mrs. Francis P. Loftus
Presentation of Class to School Committee		Guy E. Harrington **Principal of High School**
Awarding of Diplomas		Mrs. Fanny G. Morey **Chairman School Committee**
Song	"Thank You America" Chorus	*Walter Jurmann*
Benediction		Rev. Walter R. Blackmer

Songs directed by Mrs. Clara P. Cook
Accompanist, Mrs. Louis Shumway

RECEPTION

SCHOOL PERSONNEL AS OF JAN. 1, 1955

Name	Position	Year Appointed
Carl J. Peterson	Superintendent	1953
Clara M. Cook	Music Supervisor	1948
Harold Young	Band Director	1954
Tirzah Juskalian, R. N.	School Nurse	1954
HIGH SCHOOL		
Guy E. Harrington	Principal	1943
Chester Eisold	Mathematics, Social Science, Basketball Coach	1948
Stanley Hoinacki	Science	1954
Roberta Hoinacki	English—French	1954
Florence Jackson	Household Arts, Science	1946
Angela LeGrand	Commercial Subjects	1951
Sophia M. Pero	Latin—English	1941
Ada W. Tague	Social Studies	1946
Gerald G. Tremaine	Mathematics—Social Science	1952
CENTER SCHOOL Grades 7 and 8		
Donald E. Geer	Principal, Science	1950
Bernadette Bowler	English—Mathematics	1942
Janet Ross	Social Studies	1953
Marion K. Shaw	Mathematics—English—History	1926
COLD SPRING SCHOOL		
Elwyn J. Doubleday	Supervising Principal	1947
Doris R. Crespi	Grade 1	1953
Beverly A. Royce	Grade 1	1952

Mildred Robbins	Grade 2	1953
Irene B. Orlando	Grade 2	1917
Alice Flaherty	Grade 3	1922
Blanche Austin	Grade 3	1953
Vera Harrington	Grade 4	1944
Emma Loftus	Grade 4	1948
Ruth Rietzel	Grade 5	1951
Madeleine R. Lambert	Grade 5	1924
Margaret Austin	Grade 6	1954
Rachel Shumway	Grade 6	1954
FRANKLIN SCHOOL		
Eleanor Fitzgerald	Principal, Grades 1-2	1931
Nellie Shea	Grades 3-4	1901
Mildred Carter	Grades 5-6	1943
CAFETERIA		
Phyllis Mullane	Supervisor	1954
Nellie Dudek	Worker	1954
Hertha Hale	Worker	1954
Victoria Sears	Worker	1954
Mary Young	Worker	1954
CUSTODIANS		
George M. Dewey	Cold Spring School	1947
Carl P. Hagman	Cold Spring School	1954
William F. Kimball, Jr.	High School, Household Arts and Center School	1950
Ralph Shumway	Part-time Assistant, Center	1954
Albert M. Dudek	Franklin	1948
William Aldrich	Union School	1950

Report of Town Accountant

December 31, 1954

General Accounts
ASSETS

Cash		$171,288.74
Accounts Receivable:		
Taxes:		
Levy of 1953:		
Personal	$3,405.17	
Real Estate	3,316.15	
Levy of 1954:		
Poll	16.00	
Personal	4,637.98	
Real Estate	14,645.83	26,021.13
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes:		
Levy 1953	195.13	
Levy 1954	2,179.50	2,374.63
Tax Titles		3,020.95
Tax Possessions		117.63
Departmental:		
Highways	27.00	
Public Welfare	482.36	
Old Age Assistance	210.67	
Sewers 1953	32.83	
Sewers 1954	400.00	1,152.86

General Accounts
LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

Taxes—Levy of 1952		
Personal (to be held until abated)		$5.34
Trust Funds—Income		
Susan M. D. Bridgman Poor Fund		1,044.86
Accounts Held in Trust:		
Deposits in lieu of Children's Boarding licenses	50.00	
Impounding and Sale of Cattle	312.00	362.00
Workmen's Compensation Fund:		
State Highway Allowance		913.30
Sale of Real Estate		13.68
Tailings		98.76
Recovery Old Age Assistance		2,108.60
Road Machinery Fund		8,529.18
State Parks and Reservations		2.64
Gypsy and Brown Tail Moths		86.52
County Tax		797.35
High School Athletic Fund		89.73
School Lunch Project		21.40
Federal Grants:		
Disability Assistance, Aid	415.36	
Disability Assistance, Adm.	4.10	
Aid to Dependent Children, Aid	132.76	
Aid to Dependent Children, Adm.	2.27	
Old Age Assistance, Aid	3,838.35	
Old Age Assistance, Adm.	286.81	4,679.65
Unexpended Appropriation Balances:		
Cleaning and Repairing Water Holes	124.04	
Addition to Mt. Hope Cemetery	94.20	
Planning Board	383.82	
Elementary School Bldg. Committee	8,548.35	9,150.41
Elementary School Building Funds:		
Bonds	26,407.56	

Aid to Highways:			Equipment	1,000.00	
			Roads	8,799.91	36,207.47
			Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus		6,605.80
State	7,436.95		Overlays—Reserved for Abatements:		
			Levy of 1953	4,247.46	
			Levy of 1954	4,018.36	8,265.82
County	1,000.14	8,437.09	Revenue—Reserved until Collected:		
			Motor Vehicle Excise	2,374.63	
			Tax Title and Tax Possessions	3,138.58	
			Departmental	1,152.86	
Dog Officer Fees		2.00	Highways	8,437.09	15,103.16
			Surplus Revenue		118,329.36
		$212,415.03			$212,415.03
INDEBTEDNESS ACCOUNTS			INDEBTEDNESS ACCOUNTS		
			Sewer Construction Loan, 1949	35,000.00	
			Sewer Construction, Federal St., 1952	6,000.00	
			Fire Apparatus, 1953	8,000.00	
Net Funded or Fixed Debts		$407,000.00	School Building Loan, 1951	201,000.00	
			School Building Loan, 1952	157,000.00	407,000.00
POST WAR REHABILITATION FUND			POST WAR REHABILITATION FUND		
			Savings Bank Deposits	5,705.91	
Post War Rehabilitation		8,813.34	War Memorial	3,107.43	8,813.34
TRUST ACCOUNTS			TRUST ACCOUNTS		
			Whiting Street Poor Fund	$9,910.49	
			George D. Longley School Music Fund	2,742.40	
			Susan M. D. Bridgman Poor Fund	3,500.00	
			Calvin Bridgman High School Fund	7,696.67	
			Willard Stebbins Cemetery Fence Fund	4,717.48	
			Calvin Bridgman Library Fund	4,245.43	
			Susan M. D. Bridgman Cemetery Fund	469.14	
Trust Funds Cash and Securities		59,786.01	Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	26,504.40	59,786.01

Balances on Appropriations as of Dec. 31, 1954

Account	Appropriation	Transfers and Additions	Expenditures	Unexpended
Selectmen, Salaries	$875.00		$875.00	
Selectmen, Expenses	200.00	50.00t	250.00	
Town Accountant, Salary	600.00		600.00	
Town Accountant, Expenses	25.00		25.00	
Town Treasurer, Salary	725.00		725.00	
Town Treasurer, Expenses	390.00		390.00	
Tax Collector, Salary	700.00		700.00	
Tax Collector, Expenses	625.00		625.00	
Assessors, Salaries	1,000.00		1,000.00	
Assessors, Expenses	500.00		481.92	18.08
Town Clerk, Salary	300.00		300.00	
Town Clerk, Expenses	250.00		250.00	
Election and Registration	850.00	195.59t	1,034.28	11.31
Certification of Notes	10.00			10.00
Law	250.00		185.00	65.00
Town Hall	500.00	41.45t	541.45	
Lawrence Memorial Hall	400.00		338.79	61.21
Repair and Painting Interior Memorial Hall	1,200.00		1,147.68	52.32
American Legion Hdqtrs.	350.00		310.00	40.00
Police	1,950.00	195.43t	2,145.43	
Fire Department	2,920.00		2,896.50	23.50
Addition to Fire Station		694.52o	693.58	.94
Forest Fires	1,500.00		1,486.08	13.92
Hydrant Service	1,500.00		1,500.00	
Moth Suppression	800.00	2.56d	410.51	392.05
Dutch Elm Disease	1,000.00		999.20	.80
Tree Warden	800.00		799.65	.35
Sealer Weights & Measures	100.00		98.07	1.93
Inspector of Wires	150.00		150.00	
Civil Defense	1,505.00	39.24t	1,544.24	
Health	800.00		788.88	11.12
Sewer, Maintenance	2,800.00	300.00t	2,856.75	243.25
Highways, Chap. 81	4,120.00	28,325.00*	32,444.48	.52
Highways, Chap. 90, Mnt.	1,000.00	4,000.00*	4,999.45	.55
Highways, Chap. 90, Constr.	2,500.00	7,500.00*	9,999.45	.55
Highways—Snow	3,500.00		3,104.71	395.29
Highways—Bridges	1,000.00	200.00t	1,105.80	94.20
Highways—Streets	500.00	240.00t	654.28	85.72
Highways—Sidewalks	100.00		26.10	73.90
Road Machinery Expense	5,000.00		4,269.68	730.32

Account	Appropriations	Transfers and Additions	Expenditures	Unexpended
Cleaning & Repairing Water Holes	300.00	300.00o	475.96	124.04
Street Lights	2,462.00		2,376.65	85.35
Veterans' Aid	1,500.00		1,463.86	36.14
Public Welfare, Salaries	425.00		425.00	
Public Welfare	1,500.00	7.30r 400.00t	1,714.81	192.49
Disability Assistance	2,000.00	700.00t	2,491.88	208.12
Aid to Dependent Children	1,100.00		450.45	649.55
Old Age Assistance	42,500.00	338.18r	31,548.69	11,289.49
Schools	147,650.00		147,604.78	45.22
Franklin School Sidewalk	950.00		950.00	
Vocational Education	2,000.00	256.02t	2,256.02	
New Ele. Sch. Bldg., Town Appr.		25,373.90o	25,373.90	
New Ele. Sch. Bldg., Bonds		175,000.00o	148,592.44	26,407.56
New Ele. Sch. Bldg., Committee		8,556.40o	8.05	8,548.35
Regional Sch. Planning Bd.	200.00		123.35	76.65
New Ele. Sch. Bldg., Equip.	1,000.00			1,000.00
New Ele. Sch. Bldg., Road.	9,000.00		200.09	8,799.91
Clapp Memorial Library	700.00		685.56	14.44
Lawrence Parsons Field	300.00		196.77	103.23
Summer Recreation Program	600.00	60.00t	490.42	169.58
Insurance	7,000.00	680.32a	7,032.05	648.27
Memorial Day	200.00		162.70	37.30
Armistice Day	60.00		59.00	1.00
Honor Roll	20.00		10.00	10.00
Photostats of Discharges	25.00		14.50	10.50
Public Dump	100.00	181.62t	281.62	
Care of Town Clock	100.00		100.00	
Care of Common	150.00		126.81	23.19
Planning Board Expenses		398.92o	15.10	383.82
Unclassified	850.00		634.40	215.60
Access Road to Lake Metacomet		500.00t	500.00	
Reserve Fund	3,500.00		3,399.35	100.65
Cemeteries	1,100.00		1,100.00	
Soldiers' Graves	250.00		250.00	
Addition to Mt. Hope Cem.	900.00		805.80	94.20
Retirement Payments	899.35		899.35	
Interest	9,374.00	40.00t	9,414.00	
Maturing Debt	26,000.00	2,000.00a	28,000.00	
War Memorial	500.00		500.00	
	$308,510.35	256,576.45	$503,485.32	$61,601.48

t—Transfers r—Refunds d—Dividend a—Additional c—Carry-over *—State and County Allotments

TOWN DEBT STATEMENT

Sewer Construction Loan of 1949	$35,000.00
Serial Notes bearing interest at the rate of two and one-half per cent per annum and maturing $2,000.00 annually for 20 years from date of issue, and $1,000 annually for five years thereafter.	
Amount payable in 1955	2,000.00
Sewer Construction Loan of 1952	6,000.00
Serial Notes bearing interest at the rate of two and one-half per cent per annum and maturing $1,000.00 annually for eight years from date of issue.	
Amount payable in 1955	1,000.00
School Building Loan Act of 1951	201,000.00
Bonds bearing interest at the rate of 2.10%, dated August 1, 1952, payable $12,000.00 annually for five years, and $11,000.000 annually for fifteen years.	
Amount payable in 1955	12,000.00
School Building Loan of 1952	157,000.00
Bonds bearing interest at the rate of 2.10%, dated August 1, 1952, payable $9,000.00 annually for fifteen years, and $8,000.00 annually for five years.	
Amount payable in 1955	9,000.00
Fire Apparatus 1953	8,000.00
Serial Notes bearing interest at the rate of 2¾% per annum and maturing $2,000.00 annually for 5 years from date of issue.	
Amount payable in 1955	2,000.00

ELEANOR V. SPORBERT, *Town Accountant*

RESERVE FUND TRANSFERS

Authorized by Finance Committee

From Reserve Fund to:

Selectmen's Expense	$50.00	
Election and Registration	195.59	
Town Hall	41.45	
Police	195.43	
Civil Defense	39.24	
Highways, Streets	240.00	
Highways, Bridges	200.00	
Sewers, Maintenance	300.00	
Summer Recreation Program	60.00	
Town Dump	181.62	
Vocational Education	256.02	
Public Welfare	400.00	
Disability Assistance	700.00	
Interest	40.00	
Poole Road Access to Lake Metacomet	500.00	$3,399.35

ELEANOR V. SPORBERT, *Town Accountant*

January 13, 1955

I certify that as Town Accountant I have examined the cash accounts and trust fund accounts of Town Treasurer William E. Shaw and have found balances sufficient to cover said accounts in cash and in bank deposits.

Eleanor V. Sporbert, Town Accountant

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Hampshire, ss.

January 14, 1955

Personally appeared Eleanor V. Sporbert, Town Accountant, and made oath that the above statement by her subscribed is true.

William E. Shaw, Justice of the Peace

JURY LIST

NAME	ADDRESS	OCCUPATION
Male		
Andrews, Melvin F.	Ballou St.	Poultryman
Austin, Charles F.	Ware Rd.	Laborer
Avery, John W.	North Main St.	Pharmacist
Baker, James B.	North Main St.	Auto body mechanic
Ballard, Alden C.	Green Ave.	Teacher
Beaudoin, Raymond T.	Metacomet St.	Farmer
Bosworth, Melvin E.	Old Enfield Rd.	Machinist
Booth, George E.	C. Walker St.	Fireman (Boiler)
Braden, Robert J.	Amherst Rd.	Mechanic
Bullough, Nelson J.	State St.	Shipper
Camp, Edward C.	Jackson St.	Lead Operator
Camp, Robert D.	Jackson St.	Auto Mechanic
Copithorne, John W.	Blue Meadow Rd.	Civil Engineer
Dewhurst, Albert F.	Federal St.	Caretaker
Dickinson, Richard D. N.	Allen Rd.	Builder
Dorey, Malcolm E.	Springfield Rd.	Service Manager
Fuller, Louis E.	Mill Valley Rd.	General Insurance
Gould, Sherman L.	North Wash. St.	Service Sta. Oper.
Harrington, Stanford J.	Park St.	Accountant
Henry, Walter E.	State St.	Superintendent
Howard, Charles F.	Jackson St.	Machinist
Kimball, Harold D.	South Main St.	TV-Radio Rep.
Mathras, Michael S.	East Walnut St.	Foreman
Peck, Harold F.	Cottage St.	Chauffeur
Phaneuf, Raymond F.	North Wash. St.	Chemist
Ryther, H. Morgan	South Main St.	Store Manager
Shirtcliff, Howard C.	Maple St.	Instructor
Shumway, Louis A.	North Main St.	Plumber
Terry, Donald M.	Turkey Hill Rd.	Farmer
Towne, Donald A.	Sargent St.	Auto Mechanic
Trombly, Ralph W.	Michael Sears Rd.	Farmer, Realtor
Weston, Wilfred T.	Maple St.	Clerk
Wheeler, Sidney W.	Everett Ave.	Financial Advisor
Whitehouse, Earle H.	North Wash. St.	Carpenter
Wickham, Theodore R.	State St	Refrigeration Man
Female		
Camp, Edna H.	Jackson St.	Attendant
Hislop, Lucy J.	South Main St.	Bookkeeper
O'Kane, Marie L.	Mill Valley Rd.	Housewife
Pratt, Celia P.	Shays Highway	Clerk
Rhodes, Helen M.	Old Enfield Rd.	Housewife

Appendix

Statistical Report of Town Clerk

BIRTHS RECORDED 1954

Date	Name	Parents
January		
1	Sharon Ann Fitzgerald	Frederick Donald and Vivian Joan Brown
6	Gloria Jean Bunker	George Hoover and Irene M. Gamble
11	Robert Alan Dewhurst	Albert Francis and Eleanor Mae Thompson
13	Kathleen Dustin Morse	Brian B. K. and Frances Dustin
15	Roxanne Jean Lussier	Harvey and Shirley L. Griffin
17	Louise Ann Titus	Dexter Leon and Nancy Louise Rintala
24	Chris Alan Capen	Leon George and Helen Vaughn
24	Bruce Niel Tower, Jr.	Bruce Niel and Marjory Louise Olson
26	Douglas Gordon Squires	Lewis Edward and Ethel Howe
February		
2	Kristine Ann Dzuris	David Leslie and Shirley Mae Tack
2	Carol Ann Merriam	Walter R. and Jean C. Petruski
9	Steven Earl Plant	Earl L. and Elinor Heath

11	Louis Arthur Schroeder, 3rd	Louis A. and Jane B. Hurley
13	Michael Edward Biel	Stanley M. and Agnes E. Wade
13	Carol Ann Renaud	Arthur Gerald and Jane Pauline Gardner
28	Valerie Teresa Celona	Nunziato John and Anna Teresa Geslock
March		
1	Rose Katherine Rogers	Richard George and Claudia Rose Evanson
2	Mary Ellen Boileau	Emile Delphis and Eleanor Lafond
4	Keith Daryl Hussey	Julian Harrison and Esther Jean Lofland
11	Kathleen Ann Doubleday	Guy Andrew and Shirley Mae Whelihan
13	Richard Raymond Bleau	Henry Raymond and Elsie Ann Madden
16	Raymond George Peetz, Jr.	Raymond George and Carole Ann St. Germain
24	Linda Rose Martin	Henry and Evelyn Mary LaValley
26	Carl John Wadsworth	Walter and Louise Corliss
April		
3	Robert Wayne Judkins	Howard Whitfield and Mary Louise Bush
May		
3	Philip Earl Moore	Raymond Delmar and Marjorie Ann Weber
4	Dorothy Ida Guillotte	Paul H. and Lorraine V. Spafford
6	Jo-Ann Ostrowski	Joseph T. and Lorraine LaRoche
20	Roger William Coltey, Jr.	Roger William and Catherine Lillian King

June

1	Ralston Baker Read, 3rd	Ralston Baker, Jr., and Helen Elizabeth Murdock
2	Susan Claire Rieff	Alva and Claire White
19	Roxanne Marie Towne	Donald Albert and Helen Ann Boyko

July

5	Linden Hamilton Barrett	Warren Payson and Louise Mildred Joyal
7	Michael Andrew Sapowsky	Donald Constant and Anne Eileen Joyal
9	Joseph Wilczek, Jr.	Joseph and Ivie Pope
10	Deborah Ann Meehan	Richard Thomas and Carole Ann Fournier
14	Edward Lawrence Forgette	Roland Ernest and Irene Theresa McCarthy
27	Kevin James Besette	Leo Joseph and Rena Louise Dodge

August

3	Rae Marie Dodge	Walter Edwin and Audrey Earlene Webb
4	Steven Gregory Dyer	Kenneth Charles and Eleanor Anne Rhodes
4	Gary Joseph Lambert	Homer and Jeanette Miron
9	Clifford Edward Rankin	Clifford Elmer and Dorothy Christine Daudlin
23	Paul Charles Hachey	Armand J. and Juliette R. Brusseau
23	David Edward Rogers	Florian Edward and Diane Marie Allen
24	Lawrence James Boudreau	Joseph Napoleon and Florence Yvette Carriveau

September

5	Teri Lee Thomas	Paul K. and Elsie J. Detata

13	Sheryl Eileen Scott	Ray McAllan and Gloria Louise Smith
15	Jennifer Howe Lingo	Lowell Edwin, Sr., and Martha Clark Russell
24	Donna Marie Mikal	George Anthony and Stacia Wegrzyn

October

5	Keith Monroe Berberick, Jr.	Keith M. and Pauline Alice Robinson
7	Sandra Louise Pinard	Robert David and Janis Elizabeth Rowe
8	Charles Loomis Jourdian, 3rd	Charles Loomis, Jr., and Joan Estelle Hill
10	Barry Wayne Carrington	Elmer Kenneth and Marguerite Shirley Dyer
16	John S. Strong, Jr.	John S. and Alice Marion Tucker
18	Kenneth Paul Slate	Kenneth Sylvester and Gloria Anne Martin
28	Mark Stephen Doubleday	Elwyn John and Margaret Ann Webster
29	Marie Margaret Lapointe	Roland and Rita Leduc
30	Rae Lynne Alford	Leonard Ray and Louise Jane Coyle

November

1	Mark George Jackson	George Belding and Beverly Affa Miller
10	Leonard Mark Bronner	Rene A. and Alice R. Berube
19	Richard Edmund Bronner	Edmund Norman and Patricia Dorothy Story
21	Lyle George Hislop	Irving Robert and Virginia Mae Booth
25	Jonathan Malcolm Kemp	James Malcolm and Lois Marguerite Becker

29	Eileen Marie Lysik	Stanley and Nellie Pauline Mitus
December		
6	Pranes	James and Juanita Nartoff

MARRIAGES RECORDED 1954

January

16 Bertram Eugene Ketchen, Belchertown
Nancy Elaine Smith, Natick

16 Roger Louis Phaneuf, Belchertown
Jeanette Belle Rhodes, Belchertown

February

14 Fred Weston Waite, Belchertown
Dorothy Marie Rhodes Cannon, Belchertown

20 Stanley Eugene Dunbar, Belchertown
Loyce Glazier Truesdell, Leverett

May

8 Donald Richard Ritter, Belchertown
Hazel Evelyn Squires, Belchertown

15 Byron Howard Capen, Jr., Amherst
Norma Lucille Aldrich, Belchertown

15 Edward John Bodzinski, Belchertown
Mary Teresa Fydenkevez, Hadley

June

5 Claude Ellsworth Clark, Belchertown
Evelyn Cathryn Rachmaciej, Ludlow

12 Charles Edward Manning, West Warren
Ruth Amy Crowther, Belchertown

18 Arthur Archie Thibault, Granby
Blanche Dame Lecuyer, Belchertown

19 Walter Edward Klaus, Chicopee
Genevieve Sophie Bodzinski, Belchertown

26 Norman Joseph Boudreau, Belchertown
Jo Ann Florence Desrosiers, Palmer

26 Henry Michael Jusko, Belchertown
Patricia Ann Burnham, Brimfield

July

3 James Thomas Burke, Jr., East Hartford, Conn.
Anne Marie Henry, Belchertown

3 Ralph Perry Stone, Ludlow
Alberta Grindle Grout, Belchertown

10 Robert Beaulieu, Chicopee
Mary Catherine Stearns, Belchertown

16 James Albert Peeso, Belchertown
Mary Bevins Shaffer, Belchertown

17 John Michael Krawiec, Belchertown
Margaret Florence Donoghue, Springfield

24 Ronald Constant Chamberlain, Granby
Elizabeth Ann Driscoll, Belchertown

24 Stanley Theodore Mitus, Wilbraham
Agnes Sophia Skorupski, Belchertown

August

14 Harry James Palady, Granby
Carrie Betty Fay, Belchertown

21 Peter John Adzima, Belchertown
Gloria Angela Mauri, Springfield

23 Richard Earl Burford, Charleston, West Virginia
Mona Arlene Potter, Belchertown

September

11 Lewis Albert Squires, Belchertown
Marguerite Lorraine Caouette, Holyoke

11 Kenneth Albert Rhodes, Belchertown
Evelyn Juliette Langelier Duclos, Springfield

11 Kenneth George Howe, Belchertown
Sarah Jane Kenyon, Palmer

24 Maurice W. Burrows, Pelham
Mercedes Fiske Stone, Pelham

25 Thomas Francis Spellman, Belchertown
Mary Gertrude Shea, Ware

October

2 James Harvey Nelson, Belchertown
Eunice I. Austin, Belchertown

9 Thomas Henry Guertin, Springfield
Joyce Janet Wood, Belchertown

9 William Lawrence Ashton, South Hadley
Beverly Ann Dorey, Belchertown

16 Ralph Charles Budreau, Lynn
Eleanor Ann Rufo, Belchertown

23 William Darwin Schoettler, Seattle, Wash.
Nancy Ann Farley, Belchertown

23 Adam Louis Antonovitch, Belchertown
Dorothy Mary Socha, Belchertown

23 Raymond Albert Cook, Belchertown
Patricia Marie Berry, Belchertown

30 Adalard Salvanie Beauregard, Jr., South Hadley
Ruth Flora Ely, Belchertown

November

25 Arthur Charles Lincoln, Jr., Palmer
Marie Eileen Deitner, Belchertown

27 Donald Aldege St. Amant, Belchertown
Madeline May Howle, Ware

27 Harold B. Taylor, Granby
Maude Etta Amey, Pittsburg, N. H.

27 Frederick Joseph Koslik, Belchertown
Mary Ann Leganza, Belchertown

27 Lee Viens, Granby
Rose Marie Blaine, Belchertown

December
23 Lawrence Bernard Lehan, Amherst
Corinne Elizabeth Barr, Belchertown
31 Armand Leonard Keller, Belchertown
Suzanne Elizabeth Piper, Belchertown

DEATHS RECORDED 1954

Date	Name and Place of Death	Age		
		yrs.	mos.	dys.
January				
8	Mabel Hixon Heben, Medfield	69	2	15
February				
14	Amy Newman North, Westfield	70	2	9
18	Archie Leroy Wells, Belchertown	68	7	6
March				
9	Minnie Wentworth Holcomb Sutherland, Springfield	81	9	25
13	Catherine M. Russell Hobson, Springfield	38		
15	Emma Dies, Belchertown	64	4	14
18	Jeannette Howle, Belchertown	19	0	27
25	Robert Blakesley, Belchertown	28	10	11
27	Carl John Wadsworth, Holyoke			1½
April				
28	Charles Poitras, Belchertown	79		
May				
11	Amy Boardman Crombie Witt, Belchertown	70		27
18	Ellen J. Meaney, Belchertown	50	10	1
18	Thomas J. Brown, Belchertown	62	2	13
26	Fred Fowler Dewey, Belchertown	86	0	24

June				
16	Gladys June Eloise Bishop, Belchertown	59	10	25
18	Martin Thomas Crowe, Belchertown	71	9	3
20	Lottie White Slater, Belchertown	78	3	16
24	Amanda Huard Mayo, Belchertown	79	8	27
24	Mary C. Griffin, Belchertown	54		
26	Harry Edson Hunter, Amherst	87	3	3
July				
9	Lillian J. Lagare Fournier, Ware	67		
19	Fred Edwin Buss, Belchertown	78	10	37
22	Thomas J. Sullivan, Belchertown	79	7	15
24	Stanley Grela, Belchertown	67		
August				
13	Ida Bellheume LaJoie, Belchertown	68	3	11
23	Eleanor Gunn, Belchertown	45	8	
September				
6	Amy Elnora Dickinson Cook, Belchertown	78	9	2
27	Aniela Markocki Szpila, Northampton	64		
October				
1	Alice E. Milner McHaffie, Amherst	36	9	4
6	Bridget E. Austin, Palmer	90		
November				
4	Ada Emily (Pearce) Davis, Belchertown	80	11	0
6	Emily Couch Bosworth, Belchertown	79	9	19
13	Virginia L. Siefker, Belchertown	5	1	1
18	Clara Gettigan, Belchertown	67	7	26
December				
3	Richard Arthur Gerbert, Belchertown	16	9	11
4	Henry Herbert Witt, Belchertown	72	8	4
6	James Pranes, Palmer			2 hrs.
8	Maurice Lynch, Belchertown	44	11	6
9	Mary Antonovitch Martunas, Belchertown	65	4	18
20	Jennie May Aldrich Pierce, Hadley	85	10	24
23	Guy Chapin Allen, Belchertown	82	1	19

Minutes of Town Meetings

ARTICLES IN WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING FEBRUARY 1 AND 8, 1954

Art. 1. To choose the following named officers by nomination: two Almoners of the Whiting Street and the Mrs. Susan M. D. Bridgman Funds, each for one year; one trustee of the Calvin Bridgman Fund for three years.

Art. 2. To hear the reports of the officers of the town and of any committees that may have been appointed by the town and act thereon.

Art. 3. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as shall be deemed necessary to defray the expenses listed in the Finance Committee report for the current financial year and act thereon.

Art. 4. To see if the town will vote to give to Clapp Memorial Library the balance of the dog license fund after damages are paid, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 5. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 81 Highways, or take any action in relation thereto.

Art. 6. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 90 Highways Construction on Chauncey D. Walker Street, Route 21, or take any action in relation thereto.

Art. 7. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 90 Highway Maintenance, or take any action in relation thereto.

Art. 8. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from the Road Machinery Earnings Account the sum of $5,000.00 to the Road Machinery Expense Account, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 9. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from the Road Machinery Earnings Account the sum of $2,000.00 to pay a note issued in 1949, for the purchase of road machinery, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 10. To see if the town will authorize the payment of $130.00 for the salaries of the School Committee for the year ensuing, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 11. To see if the town will vote to allow the Cemetery Commissioners to appoint themselves to work in the cemeteries at a rate not to exceed ($1.00) one dollar per hour for the year 1954, as provided for in the General Laws, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 12. To see if the town will vote to authorize the payment of $200.00 for salaries of the Sewer Commissioners for the year ensuing, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 13. To see if the town will vote to allow the Sewer Commissioners to appoint themselves to work on the town sewer system at a rate not to exceed $1.50 per hour for the year 1954, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 14. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of revenue of the municipal year beginning January 1, 1954, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 15. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from the Insurance Reserve Account the sum of $680.32 to the Insurance Account, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 16. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the construction of a sidewalk. Said sidewalk to be 4 feet wide and 480 feet in length, connecting at the end of a now existing sidewalk, running parallel to Franklin Street, ending at Shea Avenue, opposite the Franklin School Building.

Art. 17. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the War Memorial Fund, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 18. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the repair and painting of the interior of the Lawrence Memorial Hall, or act otherwise thereon.

Art. 19. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to grant permission to the several Scout organizations in Belchertown the use of a tract of land located off Route 202. Said land being owned by the Town of Belchertown and known as the Town Wood Lot, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 20. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to purchase and develop land now owned by Harold F. Peck, for cemetery purposes, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 21. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of acquiring by purchase or by taking by right of eminent domain, to be used for municipal building, the following described real estate: The Greenlawn Restaurant Building, so called, consisting of land and buildings situated on Westerly side of Main Street, Belchertown, bounded on South side by property of Katherine E. Bassett, Northerly and Westerly sides by property of William H. and Petronella Squires, now owned by William H. and Petronella Squires; and determine whether the money shall be provided by taxation, by appropriation from available funds in the treasury, or otherwise, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 22. To see if the town will vote to accept from Post 239 American Legion, the sum of $2,500.00 toward the cost of acquiring the real estate referred to in Article 21.

Art. 23. To see if the town will authorize the use of money now in the War Memorial fund for the purchase of the Main Street property referred to in Article 21, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 24. To see if the town will vote to appropriate an amount as recommended by the Finance Committee from Surplus Revenue to be used by the Assessors in establishing the tax rate for 1954. or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 25. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

(Result of ballot on next page)

APPENDIX

TOWN ELECTION, FEBRUARY 1, 1954

Polls opened at 9 o'clock A. M. and closed at 7 o'clock P. M. Ballots counted and declared as follows:

Office	Candidate	Votes Precinct A	Votes B	Votes Tot.
Moderator for one year	Lewis H. Blackmer	181	55	236
	William Crowley	1		1
Town Clerk for one year	William E. Shaw	188	54	242
Town Treasurer for one year	William E. Shaw	189	53	242
Selectman for three years	Robert D. Camp	184	49	233
	George E. Booth	1		1
Selectman for two years	John W. Avery	188	51	239
Selectman for one year	Charles F. Austin	165	44	209
	Sidney T. Wheble, Jr.	1		1
	J. J. Kempkes, Sr.	1		1
School Committee for 3 years	Fitzhugh L. Turner	175	50	225
Cemetery Commissioner, 3 yrs.	Henry Evanson	150	49	199
Assessor for 3 years	Wm. F. Kimball, Jr.	190	49	239
Planning Board for 5 years	William E. Aldrich	180	46	226
Sewer Commissioner, 3 years	Milton C. Baggs	179	49	228
Tree Warden, 1 year	Edward B. Conkey	185	47	232
Constables, 1 year	Wallace F. Chevalier	162	49	211
	Ernest M. Gay	180	51	231
	Nelson J. Hill	184	49	233
	Earle A. Rhodes	169	48	217
	Andrew T. Sears	187	51	238

Total Registered Voters February 1, 1954—1,513

Precinct A
Men 253 Rep.—59 Dem., 311 not declared Total 623
Women 219 Rep.—51 Dem., 349 not declared Total 619 1242

Precinct B
Men 17 Rep.—41 Dem., 80 not declared Total 138
Women 14 Rep.—33 Dem., 86 not declared Total 133 271

ACTIONS TAKEN UNDER ARTICLES IN WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING FEBRUARY 8, 1954

Meeting called to order by Moderator Lewis H. Blackmer at 7.30 o'clock P. M. Prayer was offered by Rev. John A. Douglas.

Art. 1. Elected Mrs. Amy B. Witt and Mrs. Sophia M. Pero as almoners of the Whiting Street and Mrs. Susan M. D. Bridgman Funds for one year. Elected George A. Poole as trustee of the Calvin Bridgman Fund for three years.

Art. 2. Voted: To accept the reports of the officers and committees of the Town as printed in the town reports, with the exception of the reports of the Finance Committee and the Regional School Planning Committee; and that the report of the Regional School Planning Committee be accepted as a report of progress.

Art. 3. Voted to appropriate the following amounts for accounts designated:

Account		Amount	
Selectmen,	Chairman	$325.00	
	Clerk	275.00	
	Other Member	275.00	
	Expenses	200.00	
Town Accountant,	Salary	600.00	
	Expenses	25.00	
Treasurer,	Salary	725.00	
	Expenses	390.00	
Town Collector,	Salary	700.00	Plus Fees
	Expenses	625.00	
Assessors,	Chairman	400.00	
	Other Member	300.00	
	Other Member	300.00	
	Expenses	500.00	
Town Clerk,	Salary	300.00	Plus Fees
	Expenses	250.00	
Election and Registration		850.00	

Certification of Notes	10.00
Law	250.00
Town Hall	500.00
Lawrence Memorial Hall	400.00
American Legion Headquarters	350.00
Police	1,950.00
Fire Department	2,920.00
Forest Fires	1,500.00
Hydrant Service	1,500.00
Moth Suppression	800.00
Dutch Elm Disease	1,000.00
Tree Warden	800.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures	100.00
Inspector of Wires	150.00
Water Holes	300.00
Health	800.00
Sewer Maintenance	2,800.00
Highways—Snow	3,500.00
Highways—Streets	500.00
Highways—Sidewalks	100.00
Highways—Bridges	1,000.00
Street Lights	2,462.00
Public Welfare—General Relief	1,000.00
Belchertown-Granby Welfare Dist.	500.00
Salaries	425.00
Veterans' Aid	1,500.00
Old Age Assistance	42,500.00
Aid to Dependent Children	1,100.00
Disability Assistance	2,000.00
Schools	147,650.00
Vocational Education	2,000.00
Parsons Recreation Field	300.00
Clapp Memorial Library	700.00
Cemeteries	1,100.00

Soldiers' Graves	250.00
Unclassified	850.00
Reserve Fund	3,500.00 from Overlay Reserve
Memorial Day	200.00
Armistice Day	60.00
Honor Roll	20.00
Insurance	7,000.00
Interest	9,374.00
Town Clock	100.00
Public Dump	100.00
Belchertown Common	150.00
Photostats of Discharges	25.00
Summer Recreation Program	600.00
Civil Defense	1,505.00
Retirement Payments	899.35
Maturing Debt	26,000.00

Art. 4. Voted: To give Clapp Memorial Library the balance of the Dog License Fund after damages are paid.

Art. 5. Voted: That the sum of $4,120 be raised and appropriated to meet the Town's share of the cost of Chapter 81 Highways, and that in addition the sum of $28,050.00 be transferred from unappropriated available funds in the treasury to meet the State's share of the cost of the work, the reimbursements from the State to be restored, upon their receipt, to unappropriated funds in the treasury.

Art. 6. Voted: That the sum of $2,500.00 be raised and appropriated to meet the town's share of the cost of Chapter 90 Highways Construction on Chauncey D. Walker St., Route 21, and that in addition the sum of $7,500.00 be transferred from unappropriated available funds in the treasury to meet the State's and County's shares of the cost of the work, the reimbursements from the State and County to be restored, upon their receipt, to the unappropriated available funds in the treasury.

Art. 7. Voted: That the sum of $1,000.00 be raised and appropriated to meet the Town's share of the cost of Chapter 90

Maintenance, and that in addition, the sum of $4,000.00 be transferred from unappropriated available funds in the treasury to meet the State's and County's shares of the cost of the work, the reimbursements from the State and County to be restored, upon their receipt, to unappropriated available funds in the treasury.

Art. 8. Voted: That the town appropriate from the Road Machinery Earnings Account the sum of $5,000.00 to the Road Machinery Expense Account.

Art. 9. Voted: That the town appropriate from the Road Machinery Earnings Account the sum of $2,000.00 to pay a note issued in 1949 for the purchase of Road Machinery.

Art. 10. Voted: That the town authorize the payment of $325.00 for the salaries of the School Committee for the year ensuing.

Art. 11. Voted: That the town allow the Cemetery Commissioners to appoint themselves to work in the cemeteries at a rate not to exceed $1.00 per hour for the year 1954, as provided for in the General Laws.

Art. 12. Voted: That the town authorize the payment of $200.00 for the salaries of the Sewer Commissioners for the year ensuing.

Art. 13. Voted: That the Town allow the Sewer Commissioners to appoint themselves to work on the Town sewer system at a rate not to exceed $1.50 per hour for the year 1954.

Art. 14. Voted: That the Town authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of revenue of the municipal year beginning January 1, 1954 and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44 of the General Laws. Vote was unanimous.

Art. 15. Voted: That the Town appropriate from the Insurance Reserve Account the sum of $680.32 to the Insurance Account.

Art. 16. Voted: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $950.00 for the construction of a sidewalk described as follows: 4 feet wide and 480 feet long, running parallel to Franklin Street from the end of the now existing sidewalk to Shea Avenue, opposite the Franklin School Building.

Art. 17. Voted: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $500.00 for the War Memorial Fund.

Art. 18. Voted: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $1,200.00 for the repair and painting of the interior of Lawrence Memorial Hall.

Art. 19. Voted: That the Town instruct the Selectmen to grant permission to the several Scout organizations in Belchertown for the use of a tract of land located off Route 202. Said land being owned by the Town of Belchertown and known as the Town woodlot.

Art. 20. Voted: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $900.00 to purchase and develop land now owned by Harold F. Peck for cemetery purposes.

Art. 21. (Relative to purchase of Greenlawn property) Voted: To lay on table.

Art. 22. (Relative to acceptance of money from Post 239) Voted: To lay on table.

Art. 23. (Relative to use of War Memorial Fund) Voted: To lay on table.

Art. 24. Voted: That the Town appropriate from surplus revenue a sum not to exceed $40,000.00 for use of the Assessors in determining the 1954 tax rate.

Art. 25. Selectmen announced the appointment of Hudson Holland to Finance Committee for three years.

Moderator called on James M. McKillop to come forward. Commander William H. Squires, Jr., of Chauncey D. Walker Post No. 239, American Legion, after appropriate remarks regarding the service Mr. McKillop has rendered the Town as Director of Civil Defense, presented him with the Distinguished Service Medal of the American Legion. Chairman Robert D. Camp of the Board of

Selectmen presented Mr. McKillop a gift from the members of the Committee who had served with Mr. McKillop.

Voted: To adjourn at 8.37 o'clock P. M.

ARTICLES IN THE

WARRANT FOR A SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

APRIL 5, 1954

Art. 1. To see if the town will vote to rescind action taken on Article 24 of the Warrant acted on at the Annual Town Meeting held February 8, 1954 (Action relative to appropriating an amount as recommended by the Finance Committee from Surplus Revenue to be used by the Assessors in establishing the Tax Rate for 1954), or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 2. To see if the town will vote to appropriate an amount as recommended by the Finance Committee from Surplus Revenue, to be used by the Assessors in establishing the Tax Rate for 1954, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 3. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint a committee for the purpose of studying and making recommendations to said Board relative to the numbering of houses and/or lots, such houses or lots that front or face a street or public way in the Town of Belchertown, in the area roughly conforming to the present Belchertown Water District, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 4. To see if the town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the use of the Regional School Planning Board, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 5. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

APPENDIX

ACTIONS TAKEN UNDER ARTICLES IN WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, APRIL 5, 1954

Art. 1. Voted to rescind action taken on Article 24 of the Warrant acted on at the Annual Town Meeting held February 8, 1954.

Art. 2. Voted to appropriate the sum of $30,000.00 as recommended by the Finance Committee, from Surplus Revenue to be used by the Assessors in establishing the tax rate for 1954.

Art. 3. Voted: That the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint a committee for the purpose of studying and making recommendations to said Board relative to the numbering of houses and/or lots, such houses or lots that front or face a street or public way in the Town of Belchertown, in the area roughly conforming to the present Belchertown Water District.

Art. 4. Voted to appropriate the sum of $200.00 for the purpose of taking a census of children of school age or under by the Regional School Planning Board.

Art. 5. Voted to adjourn at 8.07 P. M.

ARTICLES IN WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, AUGUST 23, 1954

Art. 1. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds a sum of money to the Elementary School Building Account, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 2. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

ACTIONS TAKEN UNDER ARTICLES IN WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, AUGUST 23, 1954

Art. 1. Voted: To appropriate from available funds a sum of money to the Elementary School Building Account as follows:

For equipment	$1,000.00
For the construction of water mains, sewer connections, a sidewalk and a road	9,000.00

Art. 2. Voted to adjourn at 8.02 o'clock P. M.

Itemized Report of Receipts and Expenditures

RECEIPTS

GENERAL REVENUE

Taxes, William E. Shaw, Tax Collector		
Levy of 1952 Personal	$560.92	
Levy of 1952 Real Estate	1,071.87	
Levy of 1953 Personal	3,156.29	
Levy of 1953 Real Estate	10,904.30	
Levy of 1954 Poll	1,570.00	
Levy of 1954 Personal	24,029.74	
Levy of 1954 Real Estate	102,628.76	
Levy of 1952 Motor Vehicle Excise	59.69	
Levy of 1953 Motor Vehicle Excise	2,750.54	
Levy of 1954 Motor Vehicle Excise	22,602.51	169,334.62
Commonwealth of Massachusetts		
Income Tax, school aid	8,000.00	
Corporation Tax Business	8,961.49	
Income Tax	12,766.13	
Meals Tax, O. A. A.	1,726.83	
Reimbursement for loss of taxes	3,521.29	
M. D. C., in lieu of taxes	2,040.97	
School Aid	16,000.00	
New School Building Assistance	22,750.00	
School Superintendent	3,333.33	
Transportation of State Wards	1,663.34	
School Transportation	17,388.25	
Tuition of State Wards	5,256.73	
Vocational Education	3,141.77	
Temporary Aid and Transportation	109.82	

Highways	31,593.91	
Livestock Control	100.00	
Health Subsidy	176.43	138,530.29
County of Hampshire		
Dog Licenses	782.41	
Highways	2,499.86	3,382.27
Fines and Forfeits		
Court Fines	58.75	
Damage to Highway Posts	210.00	
Water Liens	106.39	375.14
Liquor and Beer Licenses	2,405.00	
Business Licenses and Permits	325.00	2,730.00
Grants and Gifts		
From Federal Government for O. A. A.	22,850.48	
From Federal Government for Dis. Assistance	1,112.00	
Old Age Assistance, Adm.	206.48	
Disability Assistance, Adm.	6.59	
Aid to Dependent Children, Adm.	.97	
Support of Indigent Persons	227.00	24,403.52
Total for General Revenue		$338,655.84
COMMERCIAL REVENUE		
Rent, Memorial Hall	216.00	
Rent of Driveway	10.00	
Sale of Town Maps	3.00	
Rent of Common	200.00	
County of Hampshire, Dog Officer's Fees	159.00	
Sealer of Weights and Measures, Fees	37.30	
Dividend on Moth Suppression	2.56	
Sewer Rentals	3,750.03	
Highways Machinery Fund	7,590.72	
Cemetery Care	3.00	
Telephone Calls	1.34	
School Lunch Project	4,222.58	16,195.83
Reimbursements—Charities		

Public Welfare		
Individuals	10.00	
Cities and Towns	58.49	
Disability Assistance		
Commonwealth of Mass., Aid	1,102.34	
Commonwealth of Mass., Adm.	3.29	
Aid to Dependent Children		
Commonwealth of Mass., Aid	101.76	
Old Age Assistance		
Commonwealth of Mass., Aid	22,746.74	
Cities and Towns	1,492.79	
Veterans Service		
Commonwealth of Mass.	607.29	
Highways		
Individuals	166.50	26,289.20
Total for Commercial Revenue		$42,485.03
INTEREST		
William E. Shaw, Collector		
Interest on deferred taxes	431.18	
Amherst Savings Bank		
Cemetery Perpetual Care	425.40	
Susan M. D. Bridgman Poor Fund	105.00	
Willard Stebbins Cemetery Fence Fund	900.00	1,861.58
AGENCY, TRUST AND INVESTMENT		
High School Athletic Fund	847.62	
Wm. E. Shaw, Town Clerk, Dog Licenses	1,045.60	
Withholding Taxes, sundry persons	15,175.03	
Insurance Reserve	913.30	
Hampshire County Retirement Fund	1,019.29	
Blue Cross	1,408.50	
Health Insurance	683.85	
Sale of U. S. Treasury Bonds	150,000.00	
Cemetery Perpetual Care Bequests		
From Mary H. Ramsay, care of Ramsay Lot	75.00	
From J. Raymond Gould, care Gould Lot	100.00	171,268.19
TRANSFERS AND REFUNDS		
Old Age Assistance	744.45	

Public Welfare	7.30	
Insurance Premium	119.13	
Recovery Old Age Assistance	2,108.60	2,979.48
Total Receipts through December 31, 1954		$557,250.12
Cash on hand January 1, 1954		180,303.74
		$737,553.86

EXPENDITURES

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Selectmen		
Robert Camp, Sr.	$325.00	
John Avery	275.00	
Charles Austin	275.00	$875.00
Expenses		
Mass. Selectmen Association, dues	25.00	
Hampshire County Association, dues	6.00	
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	35.05	
Commonwealth of Mass.	3.00	
Lawyers Corp. Publishing Co.	33.00	
Lewis Blackmer, printing	15.40	
Hobbs & Warren, forms	17.15	
Doris Squires, clerical	7.00	
Town Float for Northampton Celebration	5.00	
Robert Camp, Sr., expenses	39.08	
John Avery, expenses	16.59	
Charles Austin, expenses	21.83	
Miscellaneous, postage, etc.	25.90	250.00
Town Accountant		
Eleanor Sporbert, salary	600.00	
Doris Squires, clerical	5.00	
Lewis Blackmer, printing	4.50	
Commonwealth of Mass., forms	6.86	
Supplies	3.98	
Postage	4.66	625.00
Town Treasurer		
William E. Shaw, salary		725.00

Expenses		
Mass. Coll. & Treasurers Assn., dues	2.00	
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	17.90	
Doris Squires, clerical	85.51	
Forbes Snyder, add. mach. & typewriter repairs	80.00	
Bell & Hudson, bonding	111.50	
Lewis Blackmer, printing	22.49	
Postage	70.60	390.00
Tax Collector		
William E. Shaw, salary		700.00
Expenses		
Mass. Assn. of Coll. & Treas., dues	2.00	
Bell & Hudson, bonding	214.50	
Employers	15.00	
Hobbs & Warren, forms	16.45	
Lewis Blackmer, printing	73.43	
Postage	123.23	
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	7.70	
Doris Squires, clerical	86.99	
John C. Moore Corp., forms	8.61	
Forbes Snyder	77.09	625.00
Town Clerk		
William E. Shaw, salary		300.00
Expenses		
Mass. Town Clerks Assn., dues	7.50	
Bell & Hudson, bonding	7.50	
Forbes Snyder	7.60	
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	8.15	
Doris Squires, clerical	12.50	
Supplies	23.71	
Postage	183.04	250.00
Assessors		
William Kimball, Jr.	400.00	
George E. Booth	300.00	
Donald Kenyon	300.00	1,000.00
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	23.90	
Mass. Assessors Assn., dues	9.00	
Doris Squires, clerical	218.50	

Hobb & Warren, forms	56.82	
Raymond Warner, transfers	100.20	
Lewis Blackmer, printing	9.50	
Forbes Snyder	50.00	
George E. Booth, postage and travel	13.00	
Stoneham Independent, Inc.	1.00	481.92
Election and Registration		
Registrars	104.50	
Lewis Blackmer, printing	98.10	
Doris Squires, clerical	87.50	
New Eng. Tel. & Tel. Co.	.35	
Gay-Dee Luncheonette	33.30	
Catholic Women's Club	10.89	
Precinct Officers	474.64	
Street Listing		
Barbara Henneman	75.00	
Minnie Flaherty	75.00	
Mildred Cole	75.00	1,034.28
Law		
Morse & Morse, legal advice		185.00

AMERICAN LEGION HEADQUARTERS

Vernon Lodge Building Assn., rent	300.00	
Worcester County Electric Co., lights	10.00	310.00

THE LAWRENCE MEMORIAL HALL

Worcester County Electric Co.	97.54	
New Eng. Tel. & Tel. Co.	23.20	
Stanley Pietryka, repairs	17.02	
Robert Camp, Jr., labor	5.00	
Aubuchon Paint & Hardware Co.	76.71	
A. J. Abel, roof repairs	82.06	
Arthur Fournier, repairs	2.20	
Miscellaneous	35.06	338.79

REPAIRS AND PAINTING INTERIOR MEMORIAL HALL

A. J. Abel, repairs	990.00	
Aubrey Lapolice, advice and services	50.00	
Aubuchon Paint & Hardware Co., supplies	3.93	
Robert Camp, Jr., labor	76.25	
Robert Lindquist, labor	27.50	1,147.68

TOWN HALL		
Worcester County Electric Co.	27.70	
Chadbourne's Petroleum	124.25	
Allen & Shumway	69.50	
Adrien Dionne Painting Contractor	320.00	541.45
POLICE		
Clarence Hubbard, traffic officer	591.00	
Nelson Hill, chief	517.04	
Ernest Gay	325.41	
Wallace Chevalier	220.70	
Andrew Sears	95.73	
Earle Rhodes	37.30	
Charles Lynch, court charges	29.70	
New England Tel. & Tel.	2.70	
Lewis Blackm,er, printing	2.82	
J. Raymond Gould, gas, oil, etc.	267.03	
Election Officers	56.00	2,145.43
FIRE DEPARTMENT		
Joseph J. Kempkes, salary and permits	494.40	
New England Tel. & Tel.	242.60	
Worcester County Electric Co.	47.10	
Chadbourne's, oil	240.55	
Zabek Motor Sales	543.16	
J. Raymond Gould, gas, oil, etc.	176.46	
Squires' Garage	47.89	
H. E. Kimball & Sons	32.85	
Ryther & Warren	67.08	
American-LaFrance Foamite, hose, etc.	415.02	
Fire Chief Club of Mass., dues	7.00	
Sudbury Lavatory	12.25	
Allen & Shumway	13.12	
D. D. Ruxton, Inc., sand	9.20	
James Shea	52.85	
S. T. Hydrant Wrench Co.	15.75	
Ashley's Garage	12.55	
Hopkins' Store	16.20	
Stanley Pietryka	73.77	
Belchertown Motor Sales	9.32	
Koppers Co., Inc., tar	114.66	
Motorola	19.50	

Philorene Radio Co.	37.00	
Kenneth Bristol, labor	40.00	
Wilbur Eaton, labor	26.00	
Joseph Kulig, labor	6.40	
Robert Ely, labor	2.20	
Clinton Rhodes, labor	2.20	
Carl Davis, labor	4.40	
Robert Stone, labor	29.38	
Robert Fay, labor	20.34	
John Dodge, labor	8.80	
Stanley Krol, labor	2.20	
Norman Fleurent, labor	2.20	
Hugh Hubbard, labor	35.50	
D. Donald Hazen, labor	6.50	
Jackson's Store	5.60	
Amie LaPointe, plowing	1.50	
R. C. Gay, express	3.00	2,896.50
ADDITION TO FIRE STATION		
Allen & Shumway	375.44	
Ryther & Warren	318.14	693.58
HYDRANT SERVICE		
Belchertown Water District		1,500.00
FOREST FIRES		
Services at Fires, sundry persons	420.55	
Harodikes	169.18	
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	121.75	
Worcester County Electric Co.	25.30	
J. Raymond Gould, gas and oil	114.88	
Chadbournes'	96.93	
Ryther & Warren	8.39	
Squires' Garage	14.77	
American-LaFrance Foamite, hose	421.72	
Joseph Kempkes, Sr., permits	88.60	
H. E. Kimball & Sons	5.01	1,486.08
MOTH SUPPRESSION		
Labor, sundry persons	100.79	
Doris Squires, clerical	2.50	
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	5.22	

Pioneer Valley Mist Spray	210.00	
Northern Tree Expert	92.00	410.51
DUTCH ELM DISEASE		
Labor, sundry persons	146.20	
Pioneer Valley Mist Spray	198.00	
Northern Tree Expert	655.00	999.20
TREE WARDEN		
Labor, sundry persons	359.65	
Northern Tree Expert	440.00	799.65
SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES		
R. C. Gay	95.00	
Hobbs & Warren, forms	3.07	98.07
INSPECTOR OF WIRES		
Stanley Pietryka, salary		150.00
CIVIL DEFENSE		
Arlan Skinner, director	720.00	
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	101.61	
Postage	25.23	
Railway Express	10.80	
Philorene Radio Co.	12.00	
Foster Engineering Co.	117.30	
Miscellaneous—arm bands, rope, etc.	53.85	
Ground Observer Corps		
Harold and Belle Peck	1.00	
George LaBroad, labor	97.65	
Stanley Pietryka	55.03	
Worcester County Electric Co.	7.10	
Aubuchon Hardware Co.	6.36	
H. E. Kimball & Sons	50.50	
Ryther & Warren	285.81	1,544.24
HEALTH		
Dr. Francis Austin, inspector of animals	200.00	
Doris Squires, clerical	25.00	
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	2.15	
City of Springfield	64.91	
Dr. Kenneth L. Collard	2.42	
Lewis Blackmer, printing	37.25	
Max Barber, services	300.00	

Hobbs & Warren, forms	33.44	
Aubuchon, rat poison	1.69	
Robert Camp, Sr.	8.12	
Clarence Hubbard, inspector of slaughtering	45.50	
Forbes Snyder	68.40	788.88

SEWERS—MAINTENANCE

Belchertown State School, sewer disposal	1,859.18	
Labor, sundry persons	299.94	
Hired and Town Equipment	231.75	
Simplex Valve Co.	14.00	
Johnson Asbestos Co.	170.13	
Asphalt Pavement Corp.	64.50	
R. C. Gay, express	9.20	
Ryther & Warren	3.55	
H. E. Kimball & Sons	4.50	
Milton Baggs, salary	100.00	
D. Donald Hazen, salary	75.00	
Ella Stebbins, salary	25.00	2,856.75

HIGHWAYS—CHAPTER 81

Labor, sundry persons	15,050.96	
Insurance	833.75	
Town Equipment	5,552.15	
Hired Equipment	4,228.15	
Material		
Asphalt Pavement Corp.	821.70	
D. D. Ruxton Co.	631.01	
William Jurezyk	6.20	
New England Culvert Co.	1,299.35	
Koppers, Inc.	2,681.34	
Wirthmore Coal & Grain Co.	176.80	
Chemical Corp.	875.72	
Ryther & Warren	3.00	
John Lane & Son	55.55	
T. F. Spellman, gravel	204.80	
E. L. Schmidt, loam	24.00	32,444.48

HIGHWAYS—CHAPTER 90—MAINTENANCE

Labor, sundry persons	1,803.61	
Town Equipment	725.25	
Hired Equipment	311.55	

Insurance	100.27	
Ashphalt Pavement Corp.	642.00	
Koppers, Inc.	1,006.27	
John Lane & Son	389.71	
W. Lee Costigan Co.	20.79	4,999.45

HIGHWAYS—CHAPTER 90—CONSTRUCTION

Labor, sundry persons	1,534.68	
Hired Equipment	4,443.67	
Material		
Koppers, Inc.	2,084.32	
John S. Lane & Son	1,272.88	
New England Metal Culvert Co.	302.39	
George Booth, gravel	196.80	
Preston Atwood, posts	3.00	
Ryther & Warren	124.61	
Kerosene Oil	17.00	
Henry Enos, cement	1.50	
Asphalt Pavement Corp.	18.60	9,999.45

HIGHWAYS—SNOW

Labor, sundry persons	1,449.48	
Hired Trucks and Equipment	115.75	
Town Equipment	785.25	
Commonwealth of Mass., sand	612.90	
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, cooperative snow-plowing	141.33	3,104.71

HIGHWAYS—BRIDGES

Labor, sundry persons	247.60	
Thomas E. Hanifin, plank	147.00	
T. V. Pratt, lumber	51.20	
Hired Equipment	45.00	
Town Equipment	52.90	
W. D. Cowls & Co., plank	493.10	
Panther Oil & Grease Mfg. Co.	69.00	1,105.80

HIGHWAYS—STREETS

Labor, sundry persons	379.53	
Ryther & Warren	14.69	
Town Equipment	34.00	
Hired Equipment	47.00	
Panther Oil & Grease Mfg. Co.	42.50	

Sargent & Sowell, Inc.	16.07	
J. Russell & Co., Inc.	4.99	
Chemical Corp., salt	115.50	654.28
HIGHWAYS—SIDEWALKS		
John Lizak		26.10
CLEANING AND REPAIRING WATER HOLES		
Labor, sundry persons	112.06	
Town Equipment	42.40	
Hired Equipment	291.00	
Ryther & Warren	30.50	475.96
STREET LIGHTS		
Worcester County Electric Co.		2,376.65
FRANKLIN SCHOOL SIDEWALK		
John Lizak	423.90	
Ingham Lumber Co.	15.92	
Asphalt Pavement Corp.	55.20	
Labor, sundry persons	78.88	
Hired Equipment	3.60	
Town Equipment	47.50	
H. E. Hitchcock	325.00	950.00
VETERANS' AID		
Aid, sundry persons	761.00	
Eleanor Sporbert, clerk, clerical	56.50	
Fuel, sundry persons	115.00	
Medical, sundry persons	492.50	
Ambulance services	14.00	
Dental, sundry persons	15.00	
Filing Cabinet	5.63	
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	1.29	
Postage and supplies	2.94	1,463.86
PUBLIC WELFARE		
Salaries		
John W. Avery, Ch.	175.00	
Robert Camp, Sr.	125.00	
Charles Austin	125.00	425.00
Expenses		
Belchertown-Granby Welfare District	500.00	
Aid, sundry persons	429.20	

Cooley Dickinson Hospital	182.10	
Holyoke Hospital	10.00	
Dr. William Hogan	41.00	
Town of Montague	216.24	
Beers & Story Funeral Home	150.00	
City of Springfield	58.00	
Chadbourne's Petroleum	7.95	
Cheney & Hunt, Inc.	12.00	
Dr. Eugene Holden	3.00	
City of Chicopee	105.32	1,714.81
DISABILITY ASSISTANCE—TOWN		
Aid, sundry persons		2,491.88
DISABILITY ASSISTANCE—FEDERAL GRANT		
Aid, sundry persons		755.41
DISABILITY ASSISTANCE—ADMINISTRATION		
Dr. Edward Abbott		5.00
AID DEPENDENT CHILDREN—TOWN		
Aid, sundry persons		450.45
AID DEPENDENT CHILDREN—FEDERAL GRANT		
Aid, sundry persons		166.54
OLD AGE ASSISTANCE—TOWN		
Aid, sundry persons	30,456.44	
Town of Ware	157.34	
Town of Amherst	315.70	
City of Springfield	347.83	
Town of South Hadley	66.21	
Town of Palmer	65.68	
Town of Monson	61.89	
Town of Harvard	77.60	31,548.69
OLD AGE ASSISTANCE—FEDERAL GRANTS		
Aid, sundry persons		22,114.06
OLD AGE ASSISTANCE—ADMINISTRATION		
Louis Oldershaw		1.50
RELIEF FROM CHARITY FUNDS		
Susan M. D. Bridgman Poor Fund		75.00

SCHOOLS		
School Committee		
Fanny G. Morey, salary	125.00	
W. Paige Piper, salary	100.00	
Fitzhugh Turner, salary	100.00	
New England & Mass. Assn., dues	33.00	
MacMillan Co.	3.06	361.06
School Superintendent		
Carl J. Peterson, salary	5,953.82	
Carl J. Peterson, travel	546.00	
Office help, sundry persons	2,513.05	
Carl J. Peterson, conferences	104.37	
Elwyn Doubleday, Asst. to Supt. and Admin.	141.25	
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	216.25	
Books and Subscriptions	85.92	
Supplies and Postage	101.49	9,662.15
Teachers' Expenses		
New England Assn. of Colleges, dues	30.00	
Guy Harrington, conference expenses	25.30	
Donald Geer, conference expenses	16.87	
Eleanor Fitzgerald, conference expenses	9.00	
Angela LeGrand, conference expenses	3.00	
Clara Cook, conference expenses	2.70	86.87
Clarence Hubbard, Law Enforcement		46.34
Salaries of Teachers and Substitutes		
Sundry Persons		80,199.33
Music		
Clara Cook, salary		1,580.00
Director of Driver Education		
Elwyn Doubleday		268.00
Rinehart Handwriting		600.00
Fuel		
Chadbourne's Petroleum	4,360.79	
H. P. Cummings	662.36	
Quirk Oil Co.	383.57	
Automatic Heat Co.	3.50	5,410.22
Lights		
Worcester County Electric Co.		1,054.08

Telephone		
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.		370.64
Books and Supplies		
Sundry Persons		4,826.78
Repairs and Replacements		
J. Russell & Co.	6.06	
Cascade Paper Co.	7.64	
Jackson's Store	15.77	
Commonwealth of Mass.	21.46	
Gledhill Bros.	33.12	
Edward L. Canter Co.	17.94	
Richo Products	413.17	
Stanley Pietryka	18.40	
Grays' Curtain Shop	30.65	
ACME Chemical Co.	11.57	
I. J. Holcomb Mfg. Co.	188.15	
C. B. Dolge Co.	53.64	
D. D. Ruxton, sand	33.25	
G. H. Tennant Co.	20.00	
Asphalt Pavement Corp.	60.60	
R. C. Gay Express	2.10	
Koppers, Inc.	152.88	
E. S. Brookes	1.00	
C. M. C. Laboratory	42.46	
Finnell System	12.39	
J. J. Gleason Co.	416.00	
William Aldrich	2.50	
Fred Lincoln, trucking	7.00	
Sibley & Son	33.85	
Spencer Tribune	11.89	
Stanley Opielowski	6.60	
E. J. Doubleday	12.75	
Gibson Chevrolet	50.00	
Edward Conkey	18.00	
A. J. Fournier	23.85	
Rochester Germicide Co.	159.28	
Albert Dudek	93.20	
Town of Belchertown, labor	101.34	
Burrough Machine Co.	8.40	
Squires' Garage	7.00	

H. E. Kimball & Sons	23.43	
Ryther & Warren	156.12	
Forbes Snyder	180.06	
Aubuchon Hardware Co.	133.18	
Allen & Shumway	196.86	2,783.56
Graduation Expenses		
W. M. Welch, diplomas	56.72	
L. G. Balfour, pro merito pins	11.67	
Prof. Wiel, graduation speaker	35.00	103.39
Janitors, Salaries		
Sundry persons		8,254.02
Expenses		
I. J. Holcomb Mfg. Co.	134.40	
Central Vermont Express	4.99	
Standard Fuse Appliances	74.02	
J. Raymond Gould	4.60	
A. G. Store	4.79	
Edward L. Canter Co.	580.12	
Richo Products	304.68	
Carlisle Hardware	3.00	
Village Laundry	5.03	
Masury-Young	17.81	
L. P. Thompson	1.50	
Rochester Germicide Co.	70.40	
Aubuchon Hardware Co.	76.58	
Standard Fluorescent Co.	77.37	
Ryther & Warren	9.20	1,368.49
Water		
Belchertown Water District	210.20	
Bondsville Water Co.	32.00	242.20
Transportation		
Sundry persons		22,421.99
Health		
Dr. James L. Collard, school doctor	300.00	
School Nurse and substitutes	2,323.98	
School Nurse's travel, sundry persons	577.58	
Belchertown Pharmacy	18.91	
Forbes Snyder	15.75	
Welch & Allen	5.30	

Appleton Century	3.36	
Miscellaneous	73.64	3,318.52
Household Arts		
Florence Jackson, salary	2,740.49	
Chadbourne's, fuel	288.10	
A. G. Store, supplies	212.75	
Worcester County Electric Co.	55.50	
Herbert Durant	6.90	
Charles Bennett	35.85	
Florence Jackson, conf. expenses	11.20	
Miscellaneous	.63	3,351.42
New Equipment		
J. & H. Supply Co.	23.00	
Forbes Snyder, typewriter	150.00	
Gledhill Bros., school furniture	214.00	
Gribbons Music Store, horn	285.00	
Masury-Young, vacuum and accessories	176.50	848.50
Library		
Quabbin Book House	10.00	
Martin-Murray	63.75	
Miscellaneous	18.65	92.40
Miscellaneous Expense		
W. Paige Piper, rubbish disposal, mowing	196.00	
William Aldrich, mowing	25.00	
R. C. Gay, Express	15.75	
Albert Dudek	2.00	
Fred Lincoln, trucking	13.00	
Elwyn Doubleday, Open House supplies	3.07	
Mac-Ben Sporting Co., uniforms	100.00	354.82
Total for Schools		$147,604.78
SCHOOL LUNCH PROJECT		
Salaries, sundry persons	1,661.75	
A. G. Store	12.54	
Belchertown Farms, milk	1,006.11	
Elwyn Doubleday, towels	12.67	
Dreikorns, bread	97.32	
Gay's Express	9.34	
Hopkins' Store	4.74	

Peter Sapousky	45.70	
Fred Thayer, eggs	43.50	
Village Laundry	38.10	
Sidney Wheeler	22.50	
Commonwealth of Mass.	56.00	
Paper City Beef Co.	302.70	
Berkshire Frosted Foods	304.53	
Springfield Sugar & Products Co.	379.97	
First National Stores	18.14	
R. C. Gay	22.01	
Edward L. Canter	29.82	
H. J. Heinz Co.	65.28	
Webster Thomas Co.	22.55	
Wholesale Fruit & Produce	20.30	
Cascade Paper Co.	3.77	
William Webster Store	21.84	4,201.18
VOCATIONAL EDUCATION		
Sundry persons, transportation	986.40	
City of Springfield, tuition	1,209.28	
City of Holyoke, tuition	22.50	
Smith Agricultural School, tuition	37.84	2,256.02
NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BUILDING—TOWN APPROPRIATION		
Raymond V. Burke, clerk	720.00	
Bernhard Dirks, architect	964.65	
Morse & Morse, legal advice	110.00	
H. P. Cummings Const. Co., contractor	23,579.25	25,373.90
NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BUILDING—BONDS		
Raymond V. Burke, clerk	2,340.00	
Bernhard Dirks, architect	2,532.50	
Russell Snow	150.00	
H. P. Cummings Co., contractor	110,088.00	
Shyloski, excavating	400.00	
Wood Bros.	594.09	
Thompson W. Co.	572.13	
Holyoke Transcript	8.25	
Springfield Union	7.14	
Carnahan Mfg. Co.	6.91	
Rochester Germicide Co.	26.08	
Spencer Industries	119.79	
Labor, sundry	457.34	

Morandi-Proctor Co., kitchen equipment	10,628.10	
Zabek Fire Apparatus Co., extinguishers	382.00	
Richo Products	1,238.33	
Holyoke Auction Co.	2,646.61	
Gledhill Bros., Inc., desks and chairs	9,367.25	
A. R. Boeder, slicing machine	125.00	
Wainshal	481.12	
Richard Lussier Excavating Co., grading	3,300.01	
Wilsons, Inc., shades	773.11	
H. E. Kimball & Sons	41.75	
Belchertown Water District	91.71	
Faulkner Hardware	17.92	
G. H. Towne Co.	147.34	
Clarin Mfg. Co., folding chairs	1,477.16	
Frank Stein & Sons, Inc.	501.25	
William Webster Store, ladder	40.00	
Cascade Paper Co.	31.55	148,592.44

NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ROAD, SIDEWALK, SEWERS

Labor, sundry persons	27.40	
John S. Lane & Son	16.67	
D. D. Ruxton Co., Inc.	40.77	
A. Girard & Sons	25.00	
Warner Bros.	90.25	200.09

NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE FUND

Christine Holland, dinners		8.05

REGIONAL SCHOOL PLANNING BOARD

Elmer Carrington	40.00	
Georgia Atwood	40.00	
Anna Witt	40.00	
Lewis Blackmer, forms	3.35	123.35

HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC FUND

Referees for games, sundry persons	260.00	
Barry Reclaiming Co.	14.00	
Mac-Ben Sporting Goods Co.	200.97	
Village Laundry	17.67	
H. A. Hopkins' Store	2.25	
Transportation	154.60	

Nelson Hill, policing	22.00	
William Kimball, Jr., janitor	22.00	
Nicks Sports Shop	48.60	
Umpires, sundry persons	15.00	
Nixon Co.	17.39	
Horace Partridge	12.77	787.25

GEORGE DEEN FUND

Florence Jackson, household arts		10.51

ROAD MACHINERY EXPENSE

Labor, sundry persons	175.96	
Aubuchon Hardware Co.	18.49	
Ryther & Warren	201.98	
Chadbourne's Petroleum, fuel	706.70	
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	87.85	
Belchertown Water District	21.60	
Worcester County Electric Co.	50.40	
Nichols Farm Machinery	20.60	
Betteson Express	2.80	
W. Lee Costigan Co.	19.30	
J. Russell	81.05	
Socony Vacuum, gas	1,404.34	
Rowe's Garage	6.00	
Perkins-Milton	308.12	
Athol Springfield Despatch	1.44	
John Engels Garage	209.47	
Parkers Auto Service	89.74	
J. Raymond Gould	1.50	
Seyffer Motors	73.48	
Railway Express	2.61	
Fiske Tire Service	32.77	
Allen & Shumway	102.06	
Ralph Staab, Inc.	61.86	
Carey's Machine Shop	42.99	
Squires' Garage	28.60	
Belchertown Motor Sales	13.57	
Louis Walulak	20.10	
Harris Powers	2.50	
Commonwealth of Mass., diesel oil tax	48.00	
Bell & Hudson	407.32	
Collins Plumbing Co.	26.48	4,269.68

CLAPP MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Bell & Hudson, insurance	66.76	
H. R. Huntting Co.	203.60	
Raymond Reece, Jr., labor	13.00	
Follett Library Book Co.	15.94	
Doubleday & Co.	15.40	
American Garden Guild Book Club	26.20	
Personal Book Shop	94.57	
Worcester County Electric Co.	3.20	
A. J. Abel & Sons, repairs to roof	124.13	
Detective Book Club	17.26	
Arthur T. White, books	13.35	
Chadbourne's Petroleum, fuel	60.79	
Reader's Digest	3.34	
Gaylord Bros.	5.12	
Campbell & Hall, Inc.	14.71	
Sports	1.75	
Miscellaneous	6.44	685.56

PARSONS FIELD

Labor, sundry persons	14.61	
Worcester County Electric Co.	10.00	
Robert Copithorne, mowing	90.25	
Ryther & Warren, paint	11.54	
Herbert Squires, mowing	12.00	
Carey Machine Shop, repairs to mower	6.00	
Belchertown Motor Sales, repairs to mower	.85	
Fred Lincoln, loam	20.00	
Allen & Shumway, repairs	5.20	
Amos St. John, mowing	15.75	
J. Raymond Gould, gas, oil	7.57	
Weidenmiller-Magovern Co., cable	3.00	196.77

SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM

George Burke, director	325.00	
Sandra Rhodes, assistant	75.00	
Ryther & Warren	60.52	
Magnus Brush & Craft Materials	8.03	
The Alling Rubber Co.	10.19	
Wilson's Supplies	1.17	
Lewis Blackmer	3.55	
Labor, sundry	6.96	490.42

INSURANCE		
Bell & Hudson Insurance	6,566.65	
Anna R. Gold Insurance Agency	465.40	7,032.05
MEMORIAL DAY		
Orange Post No. 172 Drum & Bugle Corps	100.00	
Kelley the Florist, wreaths	16.00	
Belchertown Farms, drink	12.00	
Belchertown Pharmacy, ice cream	14.50	
Jackson's Store, flags	16.25	
Lewis Blackmer, programs	3.95	162.70
ARMISTICE DAY		
P. T. A. Band Fund	25.00	
Kelley the Florist, flowers	34.00	59.00
HONOR ROLL		
Bell & Hudson Insurance Agency, insurance		10.00
PHOTOSTATIC COPIES OF DISCHARGES		
Hilltop Photo Studio	12.00	
J. T. Gouger	2.50	14.50
TOWN CLOCK		
Frank Scialla, salary		100.00
TOWN DUMP		
Robert Nutting, bulldozing	182.00	
Labor, sundry	51.47	
Town Equipment	45.75	
Hired Equipment	2.40	281.62
TOWN COMMON		
Worcester County Electric Co.	12.00	
Robert Copithorne, mowing	73.76	
The Ryther & Warren Co., seed	3.75	
James LaBroad, mowing	6.88	
Raymond Hill, mowing	18.25	
J. Raymond Gould, gas, oil	3.00	
R. Menard	3.00	
Weidenmiller & Magovern Co., repairs to mower	6.17	126.81
PLANNING BOARD		
Helen Stoeckel, clerical	10.00	
Lewis Blackmer, printing	5.10	15.10

UNCLASSIFIED		
Eleanor V. Sporbert, preparing town reports	75.00	
Lewis Blackmer, printing town reports	554.40	
Everett Howard, appraising deer damage	5.00	634.40
ACCESS ROAD TO LAKE METACOMET		
Joseph Koske		500.00
CEMETERIES		
Charles Austin, labor and machine	533.20	
Lincoln Cook, labor	382.00	
The Ryther & Warren Co.	79.30	
R. C. Gay, express	5.00	
David Rhodes, labor	37.88	
Conrad Dugre, labor	55.87	
Herbert Squires, labor	6.75	1,100.00
SOLDIERS' GRAVES		
Charles Austin, labor and machine		250.00
ADDITION TO MT. HOPE CEMETERY		
Harold and Belle Peck, land purchase	800.00	
Raymond A. Warner, recording deed	5.80	805.80
WILLARD STEBBINS CEMETERY FENCE FUND		
Russell Snow, survey and plans	44.00	
Paul Rufo, contractor	826.00	
Edward Conkey, removing trees	30.00	900.00
INTEREST		
Palmer Nat'l Bank, Fire Apparatus	275.00	
Palmer Nat'l Bank, Federal St. Sewer	175.00	
First Nat'l Bank of Boston, Sewer 1949	925.00	
First Nat'l Bank of Boston, School 1952	7,959.00	
Palmer Nat'l Bank, Rd. Mach. Grader 1949	80.00	9,414.00
MATURING DEBT		
Palmer Nat'l Bank, Road Mach. Grader	2,000.00	
First Nat'l Bank of Boston, School Loan	21,000.00	
First Nat'l Bank of Boston, Sewer 1949	2,000.00	
Palmer Nat'l Bank, Federal St. Sewer	1,000.00	
Palmer Nat'l Bank, Fire Apparatus	2,000.00	28,000.00
TRUST		
Hampshire County Retirement	1,230.35	

Washington Nat'l Insurance Co., health insurance	683.85	
Retirement Payments, Town	899.35	
Blue Cross	1,408.50	
Cemetery Perpetual Care		
Charles Austin, labor and machine	299.80	
Lincoln Cook, labor	167.00	4,688.85
Water Liens		
Belchertown Water District, sundry persons		106.39
AGENCY		
Withholding Tax, sundry persons		17,095.13
Commonwealth of Massachusetts		
Audit of Accounts	1,477.87	
State Parks and Reservations	671.10	
Gypsy and Brown Tail Moth	304.64	2,453.61
County of Hampshire		
County Tax	10,308.68	
Dog Licenses	1,045.60	11,354.28
Dog Officer's Fees		
Wallace Chevalier, dog officer		161.00
INVESTMENTS		
Investment War Memorial	500.00	
Cemetery Perpetual Care	175.00	675.00
REFUNDS AND TRANSFERS		
Clapp Memorial Library, dog licenses	782.41	
Real Estate 1952	33.00	
Real Estate 1953	49.60	
Real Estate 1954	409.62	
Poll 1954	4.00	
Motor Vehicle 1953	193.01	
Motor Vehicle 1954	556.15	2,027.79

Total expenditures for year ending Dec. 31, 1954	$566,265.12
Cash in Treasury Dec. 31, 1954	171,288.74
	$737,553.86

I hereby certify the foregoing information to be complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Eleanor V. Sporbert

Town Warrant

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
FEBRUARY 7 AND 14, 1955

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
HAMPSHIRE, SS.

To any of the constables of the Town of Belchertown, in said County, GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn all the inhabitants of the Town of Belchertown, qualified to vote in elections of town officers, to meet at the several polling places in said Belchertown, designated by the Selectmen, to wit:

IN PRECINCT A, at Lawrence Memorial Hall in Jabish Street.

IN PRECINCT B, at the Franklin School Building in Franklin Street, South Belchertown, on Monday, the seventh day of February, A. D. 1955, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to give in their votes on one ballot to precinct officers of the several polling precincts of said Town for the following officers, to wit, a Moderator, a Town Clerk, a Treasurer, a Tree Warden and five Constables, each for one year; a Collector of Taxes, a Selectman, a School Committee member, a Cemetery Commissioner, an Assessor and a Sewer Commissioner, each for three years; one Planning Board member for five years.

The polls will be open at nine o'clock in the forenoon and closed at seven o'clock in the evening.

And you are further hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Belchertown qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Lawrence Memorial Hall in said Belchertown, on Monday, the fourteenth day of February, A .D. 1955, at seven-thirty o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles, viz:

Art. 1. To choose the following named officers by nomination: two Almoners of the Whiting Street and the Mrs. Susan M. D. Bridgman Funds, each for one year; one trustee of the Calvin Bridgman Fund for three years.

Art. 2. To hear the reports of the officers of the town and of any committees that may have been appointed by the town and act thereon.

Art. 3. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as shall be deemed necessary to defray the expenses listed in the Finance Committee report for the current financial year and act thereon.

Art. 4. To see if the town will vote to give to Clapp Memorial Library the balance of the dog license fund after damages are paid, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 5. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 81 Highways, or take any action in relation thereto.

Art. 6. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a a sum of money for Chapter 90 Highway Construction, on Chauncey D. Walker Street (Route 21), or take any action in relation thereto.

Art. 7. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 90 Maintenance, or take any action in relation thereto.

Art. 8. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from the Road Machinery Earnings Account the sum of $4,000.00 to the Road Machinery Expense Account, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 9. To see if the town will authorize the payment of $325.00 for the salaries of the School Commitee for the ensuing year, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 10. To see if the town will vote to allow the Cemetery Commissioners to appoint themselves to work in the cemeteries at a rate not to exceed $1.00 per hour for the year 1955, as provided for in the General Laws, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 11. To see if the town will vote to authorize the payment of $200 for salaries of the Sewer Commissioners for the year ensuing, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 12. To see if the town will vote to allow the Sewer Commissioners to appoint themselves to work on the town sewer system at a rate not to exceed $1.50 per hour for the year 1955, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 13. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of revenue of the municipal year beginning January 1, 1955, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 14. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from the Insurance Reserve Account the sum of $913.30 to the Insurance Account, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 15. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the War Memorial Fund, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 16. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the surfacing of Poole Road, a public way, said surfacing to start at the junction of Bay and Poole Roads, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 17. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the widening and surfacing of a section of

George Hannum Street, a public way, said section to start at the West end of the existing surfaced area, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 18. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Moderator to appoint a Town History Committee, for the purpose of research, compilation, editing and publication of the History of Belchertown, and that an initial sum of money be appropriated for that purpose, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 19. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the improvement and equipment of the Landers Playground, so-called, and that portion of the present school grounds adjacent to said Landers Playground, all being property of the town of Belchertown, at the Franklin School in Belchertown, said sum of money to be expended under the direction of a committee to be appointed by the Moderator; one of whom shall be a member of the Board of Selectmen, one member of the School Committee, and one member at large, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 20. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums for bills incurred in 1954:

City of Springfield, Mass., Vocational Education	$963.03
Nelson J. Hill, Police	34.90

Art. 21. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell or trade a 1947 Brockway 3-ton dump truck, as is, and to use the proceeds toward the purchase of a new dump truck; and further that a sum of money from the Road Machinery Earnings Account be made available to pay a part of the balance on such a purchase, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 22. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to pay the balance on the purchase of a new truck, as described under the preceding article, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 23. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to remove the Town Honor Roll, now located on the Memorial

Hall lawn. The name-cards enclosed therein to be turned over to the Belchertown Historical Association or other organization, all other salvage materials to be turned over to the local veterans organization; or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 24. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to appoint a committee of three non-veterans, said committee to work with a veterans committee as appointed by the Chauncey D. Walker Post No. 239, American Legion. The combined committees to study and investigate the facts pertinent to the establishment, purchase or construction of a permanent War Memorial for the Town of Belchertown. Said combined committees to report their findings at any town meeting that may be called during the year 1955, but not later than the next annual town meeting, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 25. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to improve Cold Spring Road, a public way, starting at the junction of Cold Spring and M. Sears Road, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 26. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money, for the location and construction of a sidewalk, on that part of North Washington Street, as herein described: Commencing on the westerly side of said street at a point approximately opposite the end of the present sidewalk, on the easterly side of this street, in front of the residence of Thomas E. Hanifin and continuing along said street to the intersection of Old Springfield Road and North Washington Street, thence along North Washington Street to a point at or near the adjoining property line of Raymond F. Phaneuf and John J. Midura, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 27. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury, a sum of money for the Elementary School Building Account, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 28. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to purchase and install a two-way radio system for the use of the Belchertown Police, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 29. To see if the town will authorize and direct its Board of Selectmen to sell and convey in its name and behalf the Lake Vale School-house Lot, so-called, being the same conveyed to the town by deed of Jonathan Wales and Stillman F. Weston, dated January 22, 1872, and recorded in Hampshire Registry of Deeds Book 305, Page 350, to the owners of real estate adjoining said school-house lot, for the sum of Fifty ($50.00) Dollars, or act otherwise thereon.

Art. 30. To see if the town will vote to accept from Catherine S. Chadbourne a newly laid out street known as Lloyd Avenue, extending from No. Main Street, easterly, a distance of six hundred and ninety (690) feet, and fifty feet wide. Also Chadbourne Road, a newly laid out street, extending northerly from Lloyd Avenue, a distance of four hundred and thirty (430) feet, and fifty (50) feet wide, to Sargent Street, as shown on a layout plan by Chester Hussey and Aubrey Lapolice, dated May, 1954, and recorded in Hampshire County Registry of Deeds, Northampton, Massachusetts, and on file with the Town Clerk of the Town of Belchertown, and further that these streets shall be accepted as public town highways and officially designated as Lloyd Avenue and Chadbourne Road as presently named, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 31. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for repairs on roof of the Clapp Memorial Library, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 32. To see if the town will vote to appropriate an amount as recommended by the Finance Committee from Surplus Revenue to be used by the Assessors in establishing the tax rate for 1955, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 33. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one on the Town Hall, one at Lawrence Memorial Hall, one at Union School at Dwight, and one at Keyes' Hotel at South Belchertown, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at or before the time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this twentieth day of January, 1955.

ROBERT D. CAMP, SR.
JOHN W. AVERY
CHARLES F. AUSTIN
Selectmen of Belchertown

Report of Finance Committee

Account	Appropriations 1954	Recommended 1955	
Selectmen:			
Chairman	$325.00	$325.00	
Clerk	275.00	275.00	
Other Member	275.00	275.00	
Expenses	200.00	200.00	
Town Accountant:			
Salary	600.00	650.00	
Expenses	25.00	50.00	
Treasurer:			
Salary	725.00	1,200.00	
Expenses	390.00	550.00	
Town Collector:			
Salary	700.00	1,500.00	(no fees)
Expenses	625.00	765.00	
Town Clerk:			
Salary	300.00	800.00	(no fees)
Expenses	250.00	250.00	
Assessors:			
Chairman	400.00	400.00	
Other member	300.00	300.00	
Other member	300.00	300.00	
Expenses	500.00	500.00	
Election and Registration	850.00	650.00	
Certification of Notes	10.00	10.00	
Law	250.00	250.00	
Town Hall	500.00	600.00	
Lawrence Memorial Hall	400.00	400.00	
American Legion Hdqtrs.	350.00	350.00	
Police	1,950.00	2,600.00	
Fire Department	2,920.00	2,850.00	
Forest Fires	1,500.00	1,500.00	
Hydrant Service	1,500.00	1,500.00	
Moth Suppression	800.00	800.00	
Dutch Elm Disease	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Tree Warden	800.00	1,200.00	
Sealer Weights & Measures	100.00	100.00	
Inspector of Wires (salary)	150.00	150.00	

Account	Appropriations 1954		Recommended 1955
Cleaning & Repairing Water Holes	300.00		300.00
Health	800.00		1,000.00
Sewers—Maintenance	2,800.00		3,600.00
Highways—Snow	3,500.00		3,500.00
Highways—Streets	500.00		2,295.00
Highways—Sidewalks	100.00		100.00
Highways—Bridges	1,000.00		1,500.00
Street Lights	2,462.00		3,079.00
Public Welfare	1,925.00		3,800.00
Chairman	175.00		175.00
Other member	125.00		125.00
Other member	125.00		125.00
Veterans' Aid	1,500.00		1,500.00
Old Age Assistance	42,500.00		40,000.00
Aid to Dependent Children	1,100.00		3,500.00
Disability Assistance	2,000.00		2,500.00
Schools:			
Schools	147,650.00	173,924.00	
Vocational Education (not in School budget 1954)		2,000.00	175,924.00
Parsons Recreation Field	300.00		300.00
Clapp Memorial Library	700.00		700.00
Cemeteries	1,100.00		1,200.00
Soldiers' Graves	250.00		250.00
Unclassified	850.00		700.00
Reserve Fund	3,500.00		3,500.00
Memorial Day	200.00		200.00
Veterans Day (formerly Armistice Day)	60.00		60.00
Honor Roll	20.00		20.00
Insurance	7,000.00		7,000.00
Interest	9,374.00		8,763.00
Town Clock	100.00		100.00
Public Dump	100.00		325.00
Belchertown Common	150.00		150.00
Photostats of Discharges	25.00		25.00
Summer Recreation Program	600.00		725.00
Civil Defense	1,505.00		1,200.00
Retirement Payments	899.35		964.05
Maturing Debt	26,000.00		26,000.00
Planning Board			(Balance on hand $383.82)

Article 5	32,445.00
Article 6	3,000.00
Article 7	1,000.00
Article 8	4,000.00
Article 9	325.00
Article 14	913.30
Article 15	500.00
Article 16	400.00
Article 17	1,000.00
Article 19	500.00
Article 20	997.93
Article 21	2,700.00
Article 22	2,000.00
Article 25	1,000.00
Article 26	850.00
Article 28	1,000.00
Article 31	700.00

HUDSON HOLLAND, Ch.
SIDNEY W. WHEELER
ELLIOTT S. CORDNER
AUBREY D. LAPOLICE
ROMEO J. JOYAL
Finance Committee

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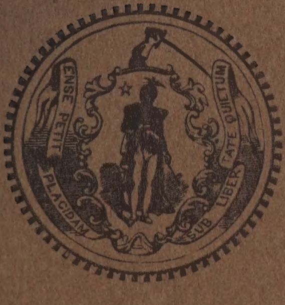
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31

1955



Please Bring This Report to Town Meeting

Town Officers, 1955

MODERATOR

Lewis H. Blackmer	Term expires February 1956

TOWN CLERK AND TREASURER

William E. Shaw. Resigned Oct. 31.	Term expires February 1956
Robert D. Camp, Sr. App. Nov. 1.	Term expires February 1956

COLLECTOR OF TAXES AND TOWN COLLECTOR

William E. Shaw. Resigned Oct. 31.	Term expires February 1956
Robert D. Camp, Sr. App. Nov. 1.	Term expires February 1956

SELECTMEN, BOARD OF HEALTH AND BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

Charles F. Austin	Term expires February 1958
Robert D. Camp, Sr. Res. Sept. 29.	Term expires February 1957
John W. Avery	Term expires February 1956

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Fanny Morey	Term expires February 1958
Fitzhugh L. Turner	Term expires February 1957
Walter Paige Piper	Term expires February 1956

PLANNING BOARD

Richard D. N. Dickinson	Term expires February 1960
William E. Aldrich	Term expires February 1959
Roy H. King	Term expires February 1958
Robert J. Braden	Term expires February 1957
Byron A. Hudson	Term expires February 1956

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

Lincoln A. Cook	Term expires February 1958
Henry Evanson	Term expires February 1957
Charles F. Austin	Term expires February 1956

ASSESSORS

George E. Booth	Term expires February 1958
William F. Kimball, Jr.	Term expires February 1957
Donald E. Kenyon. Vacated	Term expires February 1956
William E. Aldrich. Appointed	Term expires February 1956

SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Ella A. Stebbins	Term expires February 1958
Milton C. Baggs	Term expires February 1957
D. Donald Hazen	Term expires February 1956

TREE WARDEN

Edward B. Conkey	Term expires February 1956

CONSTABLES

Wallace F. Chevalier	Term expires February 1956
Ernest M. Gay	Term expires February 1956
Nelson J. Hill	Term expires February 1956
Andrew T. Sears	Term expires February 1956
Francis P. Loftus	Term expires February 1956

ALMONERS OF WHITING STREET AND MRS. SUSAN M. D. BRIDGMAN FUNDS

Sophia M. Pero	Term expires February 1956
Buth B. Fuller	Term expires February 1956

TRUSTEES OF CALVIN D. BRIDGMAN FUND

D. Donald Hazen	Term expires February 1958
George A. Poole	Term expires February 1957
Lewis H. Blackmer	Term expires February 1956

APPOINTIVE OFFICERS

TRUSTEE FOR HAMP. CO. AID TO AGRICULTURE

Robert E. Hanifin	Term expires February 1956

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Eleanor Sporbert	Term expires December 1956

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Raymond T. Beaudoin	Term expires February 1958
Alice T. Flaherty	Term expires February 1957
Roy G. Shaw	Term expires February 1956

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Sidney W. Wheeler	Term expires February 1958
Stanford J. Harrington	Term expires February 1958
Hudson Holland. Resigned Nov.	Term expires February 1957
Earl Howland. Provisions of Art. 3, Sec. 5, Town By-Laws	Term expires February 1956
Elliott S. Cordner	Term expires February 1956
Romeo J. Joyal	Term expires February 1956

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS

Joseph Kulig

FIRE CHIEF AND FOREST WARDEN

Joseph J. Kempkes, Sr.

MOTH SUPERINTENDENT

Edward B. Conkey

CHIEF OF POLICE

Nelson J. Hill

SPECIAL AGENT FOR BOARD OF HEALTH

Dr. Henry A. Tadgell

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

Dr. Francis M. Austin

INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING

Clarence Hubbard

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Raymond C. Gay

INSPECTOR OF WIRING

Stanley J. Pietryka

SPECIAL POLICE

Dr. Henry A. Tadgell	State School
Thomas P. Feeney	State School
Albert Dudek	Church Traffic
Clarence Hubbard	School and Church Traffic
Minnie Flaherty	Street List
Mildred Cole	Street List
Barbara Harrington	Street List
Wallace F. Chevalier	Dog Officer

POLICE OFFICERS

Wallace F. Chevalier
Chester Dzwonkoski
Ernest M. Gay
Nelson J. Hill
Francis P. Loftus

PUBLIC WEIGHERS

Harry M. Ryther
Elwyn Hayes
Paul T. Austin
John M. Connelly
John E. Davis
David L. Dzuris
John B. Nadeau
Theodore M. Picard
Daniel P. Shea
Doris Labrecque
Aubrey D. Lapolice
Eugene Daniels
Maurice McLean
Wendell C. McGinnis
Walter F. McKillop
Patrick J. Nagle
Douglas Rhodes
Chester B. Sosnowski
H. Morgan Ryther
Earle G. D. Allis
John T. Flaherty
John P. Harrington
Charles Kern
Conrad H. Kirby
Harold Peck
F. Edward Rogers

MEASURERS OF WOOD AND LUMBER

Donald M. Terry
Aubrey D. Lapolice
John B. Nadeau
Raymond C. Gay

FENCE VIEWERS AND FIELD DRIVERS

Nelson J. Hill
David E. Fournier, Jr.
Chester F. Dzwonkoski

FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Joseph J. Kempkes, Sr.

DEPUTY FOREST FIRE WARDENS

Joseph J. Kempkes, Jr.
Kenneth Bristol
Carl Peterson
Louis Fuller
Nelson J. Hill
Ernest M. Gay

MEMBERS BELCHERTOWN FIRE DEPARTMENT

Joseph J. Kempkes, Sr., Chief
Joseph J. Kempkes, Jr. Asst. Chief
Kenneth Bristol, Captain
Carl J. Peterson, Lieutenant
Louis Fuller, Lieutenant
Roy G. Shaw, Lieutenant
Guy C. Allen
George Dewey
Wilbur Eaton
Hubert Greene
Ernest Gay
Nelson Hill
Isaac Hodgen
William Kimball, Jr.
Fred Lincoln
Raymond Menard
Michael Oberly
Harold Peck
Paige Piper
Louis Shumway
Willard Young, Jr.
Herbert Squires

DEPARTMENT TELEPHONE OPERATORS

Ruth Neville
Jane Conklin
Pauline Barrett
Hazel Charles

VETERANS' AGENT

Eleanor V. Sporbert

JURORS

Grand Juror

Harold Peck

Traverse Jurors

February
Donald M. Terry
Melvin F Andrews

April
Ralph Trombly
Celia Pratt

June
Nelson J. Bullough
Michael S. Mathras

October
Leslie A. Campbell
Richard D. N. Dickinson

November
John Boncik
Stanford J. Harrington

Special Sitting Drawn December 15, 1955

Malcolm E. Dorey
Walter E. Henry
Frank A. Cantin
Raymond F. Phaneuf
Robert J. Braden

February 17, 1955. The Board of Health made the following appointments not elsewhere noted:

Agent for Board of Health	Max Garber
Health Physician	Dr. Kenneth L. Collard
Report Clerk	Doris S. Squires

February 23, 1955. Moderator Lewis H. Blackmer appointed the following committees as authorized by vote of Town on February 14, 1955:

Town History Committee: Isaac A. Hodgen, Belding F. Jackson, William E. Shaw, Mrs. Edwin F. Shumway and Miss Ella A. Stebbins

Landers Playground Committee: Albert Dudek, Walter P. Piper, and Charles F. Austin

SENATORS IN CONGRESS

Leverett Saltonstall	Newton, Mass.
John Kennedy	Boston, Mass.

CONGRESSMAN—FIRST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

John Heselton	Deerfield, Mass.

STATE SENATOR

Ralph C. Mahar	Orange, Mass.

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

Isaac A. Hodgen	Belchertown, Mass.

COUNCILLOR—FIRST COUNCILLOR DISTRICT

Bruce Crane	Dalton, Mass.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Hiram H. Brownell	Northampton, Mass.
Raymond A. Lyman	Easthampton, Mass.
John R. Callahan, Jr.	Hadley, Mass.

CLERK OF COURTS

Merrill E. Torrey	Northampton, Mass.

REGISTER OF DEEDS

Raymond A. Warner	Williamsburg, Mass.

REGISTER OF PROBATE

Frank E. Tuit, II	Northampton, Mass.

COUNTY TREASURER

Howard A. Banner	Northampton, Mass

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Sanford Keedy	Amherst, Mass.

Report of Selectmen

The Board of Selectmen met on February 10th and organized as follows: John W. Avery, Chairman of the Board; Charles F. Austin, Chairman of the Board of Public Welfare; Robert D. Camp, Sr., Chairman of the Board of Health and Clerk of the Board. Mr. Austin further accepted the duty of representing the Selectmen on the Old Town Hall Committee; Mr. Avery was appointed to the Parsons' Field Committee, and Mr. Camp was appointed the Selectman in charge of Lawrence Memorial Hall.

The Board met weekly on Thursday evenings in the Selectmen's Room, with special meetings as the need required.

Articles acted favorably upon at the annual Town Meeting held in February were carried out.

A major expenditure for this year was the purchase of a 1955 Brockway truck for the Highway Department. Bids were called for from truck dealers in this area, with the Brockway bid most acceptable. The 1947 Brockway truck owned by the town was traded in on this purchase.

The North Washington Street sidewalk extension called for at Town Meeting was laid out and bids called for. However, before the sidewalk could be installed, the floods of August which caused such havoc throughout this region, caused us to postpone this project, due to the shortage of material and labor. The funds appropriated for this sidewalk will be carried over to 1956. It is expected that this project will be realized during the year 1956.

Money was also appropriated at Town Meeting for improvements to George Hannum Street, Cold Spring Street and Poole

Road. Work on Poole Road has been completed. Sections of Cold Spring Street and Hannum Street have been improved to a point where they are ready for the application of tar. Funds are being requested in 1956 to further improve these two streets.

The Chapter 90 Highway Program was under the direction of Edwin F. Shumway and work has been completed on Route 21 from the Ludlow line to a point in the vicinity of the George Booth residence. Work for 1956 on this program will include improvements working from this point toward the center of town.

The Chapter 81 Highway Program was again under the direction of Superintendent of Streets Joseph Kulig. Mr. Kulig met with the Board regularly at weekly meetings to discuss problems pertinent to this department.

On August 18 and 19, heavy rains caused considerable damage in this town and surrounding communities. By virtue of the authority vested in this Board by the General Laws, the Board declared a State of Emergency, and petitioned Mr. Herman B. Dine, Director of Accounts, State Department of Corporations and Taxation, for permission to expend such sums, from available funds, as were necessary for temporary repairs to all highways. Such permission was necessary pending authorization and reimbursement from the United States Army Corps of Engineers. For several days following the flood, this Board functioned as a full-time unit, working from the Fire Station, where telephone and radio service kept us in close contact with all units of the highway, police and fire departments. Mr. William H. Squires, Jr., Director of Civil Defense, assumed his official capacity, and was outstanding in the services he performed.

We were very fortunate in having so many privately owned pieces of construction equipment available for this emergency.

Contact was established as quickly as possible with other communities, from which we were completely cut off at the outset of the disaster. The Police Department, under the direction of Chief Nelson Hill, rapidly mobilized and pressed into service auxiliary civil defense police for traffic duty to handle the extremely heavy traffic routed through Belchertown, avoiding surrounding towns more seriously damaged.

The Fire Department rendered full cooperation, and did much to assist people in rural areas, who otherwise would have been cut off from the center.

The two police radios purchased early in the year, and which are on the same wave length as those at the Fire Station, proved invaluable in rendering assistance.

RECONSTRUCTION

The U. S. Army Engineers authorized temporary repairs to all bridges, culverts and highways, to put them in a passable condition. This was done as expeditiously as possible, and we now have a claim pending with that group for approximately $47,000. To date, we have received $22,000 on this claim, and the remaining amount will be forthcoming pending final audit, which is now in process.

Permanent repairs, such as washed-out tarred highways, to be resurfaced, has been authorized by the State Flood Relief Board. This amount is $8,000, and as soon as weather permits, this type of work will be completed.

Bridge repairs will be made under the direction of the State Department of Public Works, by private contractors.

Although the Reconstruction Program is not complete, it is our hope that the acceptance of this report at the Annual Town Meeting indicates that the people of the town are satisfied with the progress and manner in which this situaiton has been handled to date.

On September 29, 1955, the Board of Selectmen accepted with regret the resignation of Robert D. Camp, Sr., who had served as a Board member since 1953. The duties of Mr. Camp as Chairman of the Board of Health and Clerk of the Board were divided on a co-chairman basis between the two remaining members.

On November 1, 1955, Mr. William E. Shaw resigned from the offices of Town Treasurer, Town Clark, and Town Collector and Collector of Taxes. Mr. Shaw had served this town in various capacities for over 38 years and the Board were indeed sorry to lose such a conscientious public sevant. Mr. Robert D. Camp, Sr., was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Shaw.

On December 29, one of our faithful Highway Department employees, Mr. George Robert Stone, was fatally injured while in the service of the department. The Board expresses their sorrow in losing the services of Mr. Stone in such a tragic manner.

Mrs. Eleanor Sporbert, Town Accountant and Veterans' Agent, submitted her resignation to the Board on December 31. The Board voted to accept, regretfully, this resignation effective February 1, 1956. A successor has not been named to date.

Throughout the year Board members have attended state and county meetings to represent the interests of the town.

We wish to take this opportunity to express our appreciation to the various department heads for their cooperation and to the townspeople in general for their cooperation in this year of major problems.

JOHN W. AVERY
CHARLES F. AUSTIN
Selectmen of Belchertown

Report of the Board of Health

An outstanding project of the Board of Health activities this year was the Chest X-Ray Clinic which was carried on with the cooperation of the State Department of Public Health and the Hampshire County Public Health Association. 856 persons availed themselves of the X-Ray survey, of which 57 were requested to return for a retake. Final results of the program were the discovery of 9 cases of tuberculosis (five active and four inactive). Of great importance is the fact that the five active cases had been heretofore undetected. Forty-six cases of Cardiac disorders were also uncovered and six cases of chest abnormalities. All of these cases have been brought to the attention of respective family physicians.

Volunteers assisting the Board in this important program were numerous and we are very grateful to them. Special praise is due Dr. Kenneth L. Collard and Mrs. Tirzah Juskalian, R. N., who headed up this activity so efficiently.

ENVIRONMENTAL SANITATION PROGRAM

There are 18 eating and drinking establishments in town, one milk pasteurization plant, and five food markets. All of these establishments were regularly inspected. The cooperation received from their owners is deserving of praise at this time.

An inspection was made of the shores of Lakes Arcadia and Metacomet to determine that there was no sewage overflowing from the cottages along the lakefront. It was necessary to order the correction of two overflowing sewage disposal systems. These corrections were made to the mutual satisfaction of the owners and the Board of Health.

Other miscellaneous inspections made were: nuisance complaints, new septic tank installations, child day-care center, and a proposed home bakery.

At the request of the Superintendent of Schools, a survey was made of the new school cafeteria. It was found to be maintained in an excellent sanitary condition.

Fifty-eight establishments were inspected during Fair Day, October 12. Three stands were not allowed to open until they had complied with the rigid rules and regulations of the Board of Health. One refreshment stand was refused a license to operate and was ordered off the Fair Grounds. This particular refreshment stand was not equipped with adequate refreigeration and the food that was intended to be offered for sale was found to be in an active state of decomposition. Frequent inspections of all refreshment stands were made throughout the day of the Fair.

Home owners are urged to seek advice from the Board of Health Agent before installing a sewage disposal system. This advice is free and is available at any time.

Your Board of Health takes pleasure in presenting this report of so much progress in so very young a program.

Mr. Max Garber continues in his capacity of Agent of this Board and deserves much credit for the success of this program.

POLIO VACCINE PROGRAM

A total of seventy-two children were given the first injection of Salk Polio Vaccine in the spring of this year. Continuation of this program has been withheld pending the decision of the Mass. Department of Public Health. Further instructions are expected very shortly from this department.

A Diabetic Detection Survey to be held in 1956 during National Diabetes Week is presently under study. This project is still in the discussion stage, and therefore, complete details cannot be announced at this time.

During 1955, the following diseases were reported to this Board:

Infectious heptatitis	2
Chicken pox	11
Pulmonary tuberculosis	8
Whooping cough	1
Mumps	2
Measles	49
Dog Bite	14

Continued cooperation from all will insure an effective Board of Health program for this town.

JOHN W. AVERY
CHARLES F. AUSTIN

Max Garber, Agent
Kenneth L. Collard, M. D., Physician
Mrs. Doris Squires, Report Clerk

Report of Town Clerk

Marriage intentions filed	33
Marriages recorded	40
Births recorded: Males 42, Females 38	80
Deaths recorded: Males 19, Females 19	38
Sporting licenses issued	501
Duplicate licenses issued	7
Dog licenses issued:	
Males	317
Females	60
Spayed	151
Kennel	8
Gross receipts from dog licenses	$1,347.25
Mortgages, bills of sale, etc., recorded	194

ROBERT D. CAMP, SR., *Town Clerk*

(see Appendix for details)

Report of Assessors

The money to pay the cost of operating the town is derived from:

1. Taxation of real estate, personal estate and polls.
2. Grants, gifts and reimbursements from the Commonwealth and Federal Governments and other cities and towns.
3. Receipts of departments, available funds.
4. Licenses, permits and fines.
5. Miscellaneous other sources.

The amount to be raised by taxation was determined in this way:

The amount to be raised in the fiscal year		$389,538.57
Other expenses for the year:		
State Parks and Reservations	593.32	
County tax	10,828.00	
Overlay of current year	7,572.14	
	$18,993.46	18,993.46
Gross amount to be raised		$408,532.03
Expected revenue from the Commonwealth	142,775.02	
Overestimates of previous year to be used as available funds		
County tax	7,797.35	
Gypsy and brown tail moths	86.52	
Parks and reservations	2.64	
Taken from available funds	98,483.77	
Total estimated receipts and available		

funds			242,145.30
Deducting the expected revenue from the total expected expenditures gave the sum to be raised by taxation as			$166,386.73
Total valuation:			
Personal property		$432,239.00	
Real estate:			
Land	$518,480.00		
Buildings	1,414.820.00	1,933,300.00	2,365,539.00
Total tax levy at $70:			
Personal property		29,213.73	
Real estate		135,331.00	
Polls (921)		1,842.00	166,386.73
Added assessment:			
Real estate, 2,000.00		140.00	140.00

WILLIAM F. KIMBALL, JR.
GEORGE E. BOOTH
WILLIAM E. ALDRICH
Board of Assessors

Report of Collector

Real Estate Taxes, 1955		
Warrants of Assessors		$135,471.00
Refunds		122.59
		$135,593.59
Payments to Treasurer	$118,708.91	
Abatements	2,110.36	
Outstanding December 31, 1955	14,774.32	135,593.59
Real Estate Taxes, 1954		
Outstanding January 1, 1955		14,708.03
Payments to Treasurer	14,305.34	
Abatements	149.12	
Tax titles	48.00	
Outstanding December 31, 1955	205.57	1,4708.03
Real Estate Taxes, 1953		
Outstanding January 1, 1955		3,316.15
Payments to Treasurer	3,151.85	
Abatements	164.30	3,316.15
Personal Property Taxes, 1955		
Warrants of Assessors		30,256.73
Refunds		10.50
		$30,267.23
Payments to Treasurer	25,758.58	
Abatements	69.30	
Outstanding December 31, 1955	4,439.35	30,267.23

Personal Property Taxes, 1954		
Outstanding January 1, 1955		4,637.94
Payments to Treasurer	4,375.04	
Abatements	66.20	
Outstanding December 31, 1955	196.70	4,637.94
Personal Property Taxes, 1953		
Outstanding January 1, 1955		3,405.17
Payments to Treasurer	3,143.63	
Abatements	261.54	3,405.17
Personal Property Taxes, 1952		
Payment after abatement		22.63
Payment to Treasurer	22.63	22.63
Poll Taxes, 1955		
Warrants of Assessors		1,844.00
Payments to Treasurer	1,740.00	
Abatements	100.00	
Outstanding December 31, 1955	4.00	1,844.00
Poll Taxes, 1954		
Outstanding January 1, 1955		16.00
Payments to Treasurer	10.00	
Abatements	6.00	16.00
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes, 1955		
Warrants of Assessors		28,976.52
Refunds		1,404.50
		$30,380.02
Payments to Treasurer	27,240.61	
Abatements	1,671.83	
Outstanding December 31, 1955	1,467.58	30,380.02
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes, 1954		
Outstanding January 1, 1955		2,179.50
Warrants of Assessors		357.35
Paid after abatement		46.67

Refunds		169.01
		$2,752.53
Payments to Treasurer	2,394.09	
Abatements	358.44	2,752.53
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes, 1953		
Outstanding January 1, 1955		298.78
Payments to Treasurer	298.78	298.78
Sewer Charges, 1955		
Warrant of Sewer Commissioners		3,925.00
Refunds		15.00
		$3,940.00
Abatements	70.00	
Paid to Treasurer	3,720.00	
Ouststanding December 31, 1955	150.00	3,940.00
Sewer Charges, 1954		
Outstanding January 1, 1955		400.00
Paid to Treasurer	345.00	
Abatements	25.00	
Outstanding December 31, 1955	30.00	400.00
Sewer Charges, 1953		
Outstanding January 1, 1955		32.83
Payments to Treasurer	32.83	32.83
Water Liens, 1955		
Warrants of Assessors		222.70
Payments to Treasurer	104.87	
Outstanding January 1, 1955	117.83	222.70
Water Liens, 1954		
Outstanding January 1, 1955		197.79
Payments to Treasurer	197.79	197.79

ROBERT D. CAMP, SR.
Collector of Taxes

Report of Treasurer

Dr.

Cash in Treasury January 1, 1955	$171,288.74
Cash receipts January 1 to December 31, 1955	480,933.45
	$652,222.19

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Warrants of Selectmen and Town Accountant	$582,263.32
Cash in Treasury December 31, 1955	69,958.87
	$652,222.19
Post War Rehabilitation Fund, deposits	$5,878.34
War Memorial Fund, deposits	3,701.34

Trust Funds

Susan M. D. Bridgman Poor Fund	$3,500.00
George D. Longley School Music Fund	2,825.98
Calvin Bridgman School Fund	7,929.27
Calvin Bridgman Library Fund	4,069.23
Susan Bridgman Cemetery Fund	483.31
Willard A. Stebbins Cemetery Fund	1,333.94
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Whiting Street Fund	10,210.02
Nellie E. Brown, Mt. Hope Cemetery Fund	1,007.50

ROBERT D. CAMP, SR.
Town Treasurer

Report of Chief of Police

Selectmen of Belchertown
Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my annual report for the Police Department of the Town of Belchertown for 1955:

Assault and Battery	2
Murder	1
Statutory Rape	1
Breaking and Entering and Larceny	8
Health Laws	1
Drunkenness	8
Driving under the Influence of Liquor	4
Fish and Game Laws	2
Lord's Day violating	1
Violation of Motor Vehicle Laws	12
Non-support	2
Sodomy	1
Unnatural Acts	2
No stickers	2
Hunting too close to dwellings	1
Total	48

Our police ambulance has made 39 trips to different hospitals in our vicinity, covering a total of 1,070 miles for the year. I wish to thank all those who have assisted with this service.

Our department has answered numerous home complaints, received and delivered emergency messages to people having no telephones.

As in the past years our budget is not sufficient to take care of the increasing demands.

I wish to thank all the officers and townspeople who have cooperated with this Department during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,
NELSON J. HILL,
Chief of Police

Report of Cemetery Commissioners

On April 17, 1955 the Cemetery Commissioners met and organized with Henry Evanson, Clerk, and Charles Austin, Chairman. During the year regular meetings were held and progress was reported on the new lots which are now ready for sale. Prices and details can be obtained from the Chairman or the Selectmen. It is recommended that all these lots be sold with Perpetual Care.

During the year the prospect of purchasing a power mower was abandoned when Lincoln Cook personally purchased one.

The inventory of Cemetery equipment remains the same as last year.

Respectfully submitted,
HENRY EVANSON, *Clerk*
CHARLES F. AUSTIN
LINCOLN A. COOK
Commissioners

Report of Regional School Planning Board

This year the Belchertown-Granby Regional School Planning Board has met three times.

William E. Shaw resigned from the Belchertown Committee and Fitzhugh L. Turner, a member of the Belchertown School Committee, was chosen to serve in his stead.

In December the joint committee made a trip to Boston to confer with Mr. Simeon Domas, Specialist in School District Organization. Additional information on the procedure for drawng up an agreement was obtained.

It is our sincere desire that we can come up with explanations and recommendations for our present and future needs at the Junior-Senior High School level and also the agreement for a Regional Junior-Senior High School before this year is out.

MRS. MARGARET W. DICKINSON
NICHOLAS WHITE
HERBERT R. DURANT
ISAAC A. HODGEN
E. CLIFTON WITT
FITZHUGH L. TURNER

Report of Town History Committee

The Town History Committee met in Clapp Memorial Library March 5, 1955.

Isaac A. Hodgen was elected chairman, and Mrs. E. F. Shumway, secretary.

As this report is submitted, the committee has many persons in town compiling facts on phases of the Town's History.

ISAAC A. HODGEN, *Chairman*
JULIA T. SHUMWAY, *Secretary*

Report of Civil Defense Director

Board of Selectmen
Belchertown, Mass.
Gentlemen:

The year of 1955 has seen Civil Defense in the throes of reorganization, which has in no small way affected the local organization. Area and Sector headquarters were re-located and a new communications plan put into effect. The Ground Observer Corps became an arm of Civil Defense.

The August flood showed us the need for an adequate control center and better local communications.

During the past year, I have attended all Civil Defense meetings in the area. Recently a program of monthly meetings for local Directors has been put into effect. These meetings are conducted by Col. Day, Sector Director.

Plans are currently being worked out with the Library Trustees to establish a Control Center in the south end of the basement. Two additional message centers will be organized, and Civil Defense subdivided into not more than ten divisions, with a responsible person in charge of each.

One of the most difficult problems confronting us is the turnover of personnel. By working through department heads, I believe this can be overcome shortly.

No doubt everyone agrees with the importance of Civil Defense, considering the unsettled world situation, but perhaps too few realize that Civil Defense is a never-ending job. An organization such as this must be planned with the power of regeneration, so that constant strength will be maintained.

I wish to express my sincere thanks to all of those persons who have given of their time and interest to this community project in the past year, and promise that the coming year will show us an organization which will be a practical answer to the problem of Civil Defense.

Respectfully submitted,
WILLIAM H. SQUIRES, JR.,
Director of Civil Defense

Report of Welfare District Treasurer

ANNUAL REPORT OF TREASURER OF BELCHERTOWN-GRANBY WELFARE DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1955

Cash balance January 1, 1955	$333.57	
Receipts January 1 to December 31, 1955	9,764.37	$10,097.94
Payments by warrants to District Committee	$8,513.46	
Cash balance December 31, 1955	1,584.48	$10,097.94

ROBERT D. CAMP, SR., *District Treasurer*

Belchertown-Granby Welfare District Report

Belchertown Board of Public Welfare
Granby Board of Public Welfare
Gentlemen:

We are pleased to submit herewith the fourth report for the Belchertown-Granby Welfare District, which continues to operate to the mutual advantage of the member towns in the administration of Old Age Assistance, Aid to Dependent Children, Disability Assistance and General Relief.

During the year 108 cases were handled, 392 visits and reinvestigations made, and the total expenditure in grants was $77,699.39.

A statement of receipts and expenses follows:

	B'town	Granby	Tot. for Towns	Total
Cash Balance 1-1-55	$184.68	$148.89	$333.57	
Transfer from B'town	1,950.00		$1,950.00	
Transfer from Granby		1,175.00	1,175.00	
Federal Grants	2,042.92	1,225.75	3,268.67	
Commonwealth of Mass.	1,522.61	913.57	2,436.18	
	$5,700.21	$3,463.21	$9,163.42	$9,163.42
Withholdings				851.20
Total				$10,014.62
Expenses:				
Operating Cost	$4,736.83	$2,842.11	$7,578.94	$7,578.94

Withholdings				851.20
Total				$8,430.14
Balance on hand	$963.38	$621.10	$1,584.48	$1,584.48
Operating Cost:				
Salaries			$5,729.72	
Travel			301.32	
Postage			143.20	
Office Supplies			144.15	
Telephone			163.67	
Equipment Purchase			41.90	
Equipment Repair			15.00	
Rental and Maintenance			684.84	
Compensation Insurance			41.16	
Fire Insurance			10.50	
Treasurer's Bond			15.00	
Legal Expense			50.00	
Daily Hampshire Gazette			15.00	
Social Service Index			10.00	
Hampshire County Retirement System			164.41	
Appraisals			15.00	
Other			34.07	
Total Operating Cost			$7,578.94	
Less Federal & State Reimbursement			5,704.85	
Net Operating Cost			$1,874.09	
Belchertown, 62.5%				$1,171.31
Granby, 37.5%				702.78
				$1,874.09

CHARLES F. AUSTIN
E. THORNTON CLARK
District Welfare Committee

Lena N. Wilson, *Agent*

Report of Welfare District Agent

Board of Public Welfare
Belchertown, Mass.
Gentlemen:

This office is pleased to report for 1955 on all categories of the Public Welfare program in Belchertown and the cost to Belchertown for administering the same. During the year, 82 cases in Belchertown were handled, 276 visits and reinvestigations made on the same, for which the total expenditure in grants was $61,820.76, and the cost to Belchertown for its share of the operating cost of the Belchertown-Granby Welfare District was $1,171.31 or 1.9% of the total expenditure in grants.

At the close of the year the Town of Belchertown held 21 liens covering aid rendered under the Old Age Assistance law.

A statistical report for the four categories of relief follows:

	OAA	ADC	DA	GR
Number of cases Jan. 1, 1955	53	2	3	0
Applications approved	2	1	2	6
Applications rejected	0	0	2	0
Applications withdrawn	2	0	0	0
Cases closed	6	1	0	6
Number of persons aided in 1955	55	3	5	12
Number of cases aided in 1955	55	2	5	6
Number of cases Dec. 31, 1955	49	1	5	0

The itemized account of receipts and expenditures of each of the categories of assistance is as follows:

Old Age Assistance

Expenditures		
Aid in grants	$55,322.52	
To other cities and towns	914.73	
Total expense		$56,237.25
Receipts		
Federal grants in aid	$20,528.75	
State reimbursement	23,719.02	
From other cities and towns	1,165.37	
Cancelled checks and refunds	79.20	
Old Age Assistance Meals Tax	1,198.56	
Town's share of recoveries	323.54	
Total receipts		$47,014.44
Net cost for Old Age Assistance		$9,222.81

Aid to Dependent Children

Expenditures		
Aid in grants	$1,511.37	
Total expense		$1,511.37
Receipts		
Federal aid in grants	$726.70	
State reimbursement	584.22	
Cancellation and refunds	23.05	
Total receipts		$1,333.97
Net cost for Aid to Dependent Children		$177.40

Disability Assistance

Expenditures		
Aid in grants	$3,118.63	
Total expense		$3,118.63
Receipts		
Federal aid in grants	$1,247.00	
State reimbursement	1,260.26	
Total receipts		$2,507.26
Net cost for Disability Assistance		$611.37

General Relief

Expenditures		
Local payments	$893.51	
To other cities and towns	60.00	
Total expense		$953.51
Receipts		
State reimbursement	$132.62	
Recoveries	29.97	
Total receipts		$162.59
Net cost for General Relief		$790.92

Administration

Expenditures		
Belchertown-Granby Welfare District	$1,171.31	
Belchertown Board of Public Welfare	425.00	
Total expense		$1,596.31
Receipts		
Federal administrative grants, OAA	$191.54	
Federal administrative grants, ADC	4.48	
Federal administrative grants, DA	10.21	
State administrative grants, DA	5.10	
Total receipts		$211.33
Cost for administration		$1,384.98

Recapitulation

	Expenses	Receipts	Net Cost
Old Age Assistance	$56,237.25	$47,014.44	$9,222.81
Aid to Dependent Children	1,511.37	1,333.97	177.40
Disability Assistance	3,118.63	2,507.26	611.37
General Relief	953.51	162.59	790.92
Administration	1,596.31	211.33	1,384.98
	$63,417.07	$51,229.59	$12,187.48

I wish to express my appreciation to your Board for the cooperation which I received during the year.

Respectfully submitted,
LENA N. WILSON
District Welfare Agent

Report of Sealer of Weights and Measures

Tested and sealed January 1, 1955—December 31, 1955:

Platform Scales, 10,000 lbs. and over	1
Scales and Balances, 100 lbs. and over	13
Scales and Balances under 100 lbs.	19
Gasoline Pumps	19

I have collected and turned over to the Town Treasurer fees amounting to $46.50.

RAYMOND C. GAY,
Sealer of Weights and Measures

Report of Dog Officer

Selectmen of Belchertown
Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my annual report as Dog Officer for the Town of Belchertown:

I collected taxes on 147 dogs—

28 Females	$140.00
18 Spayed Females	36.00
99 Males	198.00
2 Kennels	20.00
Remitted to Town Clerk	$394.00

Picked up 38 stray dogs and destroyed same, making reports to Town Clerk. Picked up 8 dogs hit by cars.

Respectfully submitted,
WALLACE F. CHEVALIER,
Dog Officer

Report of Fire Chief and Forest Warden

Board of Selectmen
Belchertown, Massachusetts
Gentlemen:

The Department answered 66 alarms during 1955:

21 Buildings
39 Forest or Brush Fires
5 Motor Vehicles
1 False Alarm

The value of buildings involved was $144,500. Estimated damage was $87,025. Insurance paid on damages was $25,085.

More and more modern conveniences are added to our homes and workshops each year, many of which are grave fire hazards when improperly installed or not kept in proper condition, making necessary strict enforcement of fire prevention laws and regulations. The Department is grateful for the co-operation received from most of the residents of Belchertown.

The forest fire hazard increases daily with more and more acreage growing up to grass and brush. I wish to take the opportunity to remind everyone of the law which requires a permit for burning in the open at any time. (Fires in barrels and so-called incinerators are fires in the open and require permits.

Figures prove that more than 70% of the forest fires handled by the Fire Departments throughout the State are the result of unpermitted burning. Strict enforcement of the Permit Law is necessary for the protection of everyone concerned.

The Town dump has been a source of trouble and expense to the Department and I recommend that regulations be made and enforced so that this hazard can be reduced.

Respectfully submitted,
JOSEPH J. KEMPKES, SR.
Fire Chief and Forest Warden

Report of Summer Recreation Committee

Report of Summer Recreation Program Director

The summer recreation program was conducted during the period July 18th through August 26th, and was under the direction of Mr. Vincent Messina of Watertown, Massachusetts, a sophomore student at the University of Masachusetts. Mr. Messina was assisted by Miss Frances Smith of this town.

The program at Parsons Field consisted of competitive sports, such as baseball, softball, dodge ball, foot races, horse shoes, volley ball, badminton, etc. Instructions were also conducted in crafts, including plaster of Paris molding, plastic gimp work, finger painting, shoe button craft and loop pile weaving.

The loop pile weaving was the craft which was greeted with the most enthusiasm, but in the over-all picture, baseball was the most prominent activity. It was in such demand that Belchertown was represented with two teams, a nine to twelve year old team and a 13 to 15 year old team, with the former practicing in the morning and the latter after lunch. The Little Leaguers ended the season with a 3-2-1 record, while the Babe Ruth League won 1 and lost 4. At the completion of the program, John Pepin received the MVP award for the Little Leaguers, while Fred Terry received the same award for the Babe Ruth League.

Due to the significant interest shown, it is suggested that baseball teams should be developed to represent Belchertown in this area. It was evident that the opponents were out-classing the home towners in every department, but only bcause of their previous organized experience.

We wish to thank the committee supervising the Old Town Hall for making that building available for crafts, basketball, badminton, volley ball and other indoor activities, when inclement weather prevailed.

SWIMMING PROGRAM

The second season of Swimming Lessons were held at Lake Arcadia (Middle Pond), under the supervision of Mrs. Frederick Sheppard of Amherst. Mrs. Sheppard is a qualified Red Cross Swimming Instructor, and is outstanding in this field. Thanks are expressed to the enthusiastic parents, whose continued interest made this particular phase of our recreation program so successful. This committee recommends that a similar program be continued in the future.

WILLARD H. YOUNG, SR.
W. PAIGE PIPER
JOHN W. AVERY

Report of Elementary School Building Committee

Board of Selectmen
Belchertown, Massachusetts
Gentlemen:

The Elementary School Building Committee herewith submit a report of progress.

The major project for the year was the completion and hard surfacing of the entrance road and sidewalk. Due to the high bids that were initially received for this project, the Committee found it necessary to undertake the supervision of this work, and had to make arrangements for materials, equipment, and the performance of the work on an hourly basis. Mr. Stephen P. Puffer, Jr., a general contractor from Amherst, cooperated in this arrangement, and the approach to the school was completed. The Committee feel that the entrance is not only practical and an attraction, but also the distance between the sidewalk and the roadway, and the elevation of the sidewalk is an important safety factor in protecting the children who walk to and from school. A portion of the expense involved in the completion of the roadway was the installation of sewer and water lines to the house lots fronting on the roadway. This was done in accordance with the agreement made between the town and the previous owners of the school and roadway property at the time the school site was purchased.

The grading and seeding of the lawns and playground area around the school was also substantially completed. The Committee were very grateful that one of its members, Mr. Isaac Hodgen, was able to assume the major responsibility for organizing and carrying out this project.

Several items of equipment were purchased, but there are many more items that are needed and should be purchased at this time, in order that the cost could be reimbursed 50 per cent by the Commonwealth.

When the building was originally voted, it was anticipated that it would cost $493,000.00 to complete and equip, exclusive of the purchase price of the land. All of this money was not originally appropriated or secured by Bond Issue. Up to the present time, the sum of $461,000.00 that has been made available to the Committee has been almost entirely used up. For this reason, the Committee feel that it would be a good investment to appropriate some additional money at the 1956 Annual Town Meeting, in order to allow for the purchase of more equipment and complete minor details in landscaping and improvement of playground facilities.

In November, Mrs. Hudson Holland moved to Longmeadow. She will continue to serve with the Committee in an advisory capacity until the building is completed. Mrs. Louis Shumway was appointed Secretary.

The Committee must have final bills ready for approval by the Massachusetts Building Assistance Commission by the summer of 1956. As soon as this final act has been accomplished, the Committee will consider its function completed.

E. CLIFTON WITT, *Chairman*
ISAAC A. HODGEN
RACHEL G. SHUMWAY
CARL J. PETERSON
CHRISTINE F. HOLLAND

Report of Veterans' Services

Board of Selectmen
Belchertown, Massachusetts
Gentlemen:

The year 1955 was opened with only one permanent case. Three temporary cases were aided during the year. Two applications were rejected.

Two veterans were admitted to Holyoke Soldiers Home through this office. Seven veterans were given assistance during the year in filling out forms for State Bonus. This office, with the help of Representative Hodgen, was instrumental in restoring one veterans pension.

At the close of 1955, just one case is being aided; that on a permanent basis.

It certainly has been a pleasure serving as Veterans' Agent this past year and I want to at this time thank the Board of Selectmen, Rep. Isaac Hodgen and Chief of Police Nelson Hill for their co-operation during the year.

Payments on Permanent Cases	$431.05
Payments on Temporary Cases	901.94
Clerical, supplies, travel and telephone	85.91
Total expended	$1,418.90

ELEANOR V. SPORBERT, *Veterans' Agent*

Report of Sewer Commissioners

During the year 1955 nine new Service Connections were made. The recording meters at the State School have been repaired by a Field Engineer from the Meter Company.

The infiltration of ground water into the Town Sewerage System has been so great this fall and early winter that the Sewage Treatment Plant at the State School was unable to function properly.

The Department of Public Health has advised your Board of Sewer Commissioners that the time has come when the Town must take steps to cut down this leakage into the Sewerage System to within tolerable limits.

Your Board has engaged the firm of Tighe & Bond, Sanitary Engineers, to examine the Sewerage System and make recommendations as to what should be done to relieve the present situation.

As our engineers are unable to make their report at this time, and inasmuch as the project may require a considerable outlay of money, it was decided best, in a consultation of our Board with your Board of Selectmen and Finance Board, to withhold action on this issue until a later date.

MILTON C. BAGGS
D. DONALD HAZEN
ELLA A. STEBBINS
Board of Sewer Commissioners

Report of Tree Warden

Selectmen of Belchertown
Gentlemen:

During the year I removed 79 large trees that had become dangerous, including 31 elms, 29 maples, 7 oaks, 3 hickorys, 2 pine, 2 ash, 4 poplars, and 1 sycamore, plus a number of smaller dead trees. Also I trimmed dead wood and broken branches from 42 elms and 83 trees other than elms. An ice storm in March and 2 hurricanes in August caused considerable damage. The elms were sprayed with a 9 per cent solution of DDT by mist blower.

I wish to thank the selectmen, the police department, the highway department and the townspeople for their cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,
EDWARD B. CONKEY,
Tree Warden and Moth Superintendent

Report of Town Accountant

December 31, 1955

General Accounts

ASSETS

Cash		$97,064.36
Accounts Receivable:		
Taxes:		
Levy of 1954:		
Personal	$196.74	
Real Estate	205.57	
Levy of 1955:		
Poll	4.00	
Personal	4,428.85	
Real Estate	14,662.42	19,497.58
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes:		
Levy of 1955		1,512.48
Departmental:		
Highways	27.00	
Old Age Assistance	1,037.52	
Aid Dependent Children	61.48	
Sewers, 1954	30.00	
Sewers, 1955	150.00	1,306.00
Tax Titles		3,070.38
Tax Possessions		154.62

General Accounts

LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

Trust Funds—Income:		
Susan M. D. Bridgman Poor Fund		$879.86
Cemetery Perpetual Care		45.51
Accounts Held in Trust:		
Cemetery Perpetual Care Bequests	500.00	
Walter Pratt, Private Trust	35.00	535.00
Smith-Hughes—George Barden Fund		200.00
Sporting Licenses		108.50
Workmen's Compensation Fund		803.43
Road Machinery Fund		11,277.76
High School Athletic Fund		4.55
State Parks and Reservations		71.41
Sale of Real Estate		813.68
Impounding and Sale of Cattle		312.00
School Lunch Project		524.37
Federal Grants:		
Old Age Assistance, Aid	4,346.38	
Old Age Assistance, Adm.	191.54	
Disability Assistance, Aid	455.60	
Disability Assistance, Adm.	10.21	
Aid Dependent Children, Aid	290.13	
Aid Dependent Children, Adm.	4.48	5,298.34
Unexpended Appropriation Balances:		
Cleaning & Repairing Water Holes	424.04	
Planning Board	96.17	
Cold Spring Road	135.75	
Poole Road	129.26	
George Hannum Road	51.78	
Landers Playground	22.75	
North Washington St. Sidewalk	821.00	
Chapter 90 Construction	2,298.26	
Chapter 90 Maintenance	152.05	

Aid to Highways:		
State	22,201.88	
County	4,000.00	26,201.88
Dog Officer Fees		60.00
County Tax (Underestimate)		763.32
Flood Relief (Overdrawn Account)		30,630.74
		$180,261.36

Town History Committee	200.00	
New Elementary School Bldg. Fund	2,000.00	
New Elementary School Bldg. Equip.	545.93	6,876.99
Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus		10,543.92
Overlays—Reserved for Abatements:		
Levy of 1954	402.31	
Levy of 1955	5,147.58	5,549.89
Revenue—Reserved until Collected:		
Motor Vehicle Excise	1,512.48	
Tax Title and Tax Possessions	3,225.00	
Departmental	1,306.00	
Highways	26,201.88	32,245.36
Surplus Revenue		104,170.79
		$180,261.36

INDEBTEDNESS ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt	$381,000.00

INDEBTEDNESS ACCOUNTS

Sewer Construction Loan, 1949	$33,000.00	
Federal St. Sewer Construction, 1952	5,000.00	
Fire Apparatus, 1953	6,000.00	
School Building Loan, 1951	189,000.00	
School Building Loan, 1952	148,000.00	381,000.00

POST WAR REHABILITATION FUND

Post War Rehabilitation	9,579.68

POST WAR REHABILITATION FUND

Savings Bank Deposits	$5,878.34	
War Memorial	3,701.34	9,579.68

TRUST ACCOUNTS

Trust Funds Cash and Securities	58,502.42

TRUST ACCOUNTS

Whiting Street Poor Fund	$10,210.02	
George D. Longley School Music Fund	2,825.98	
Susan M. D. Bridgman Poor Fund	3,500.00	
Calvin Bridgman High School Fund	7,929.27	
Willard Stebbins Cemetery Fence Fund	1,333.94	
Calvin Bridgman Library Fund	4,069.23	
Susan Bridgman Cemetery Fund	483.31	
Nellie Brown Cemetery Fund	1,007.50	
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	27,143.17	58,502.42

Balances on Appropriations as of Dec. 31, 1955

Account	Appropriation	Transfers and Additions	Expenditures	Unexpended
Selectmen, Salaries	$875.00		$806.25	$68.75
Selectmen, Expenses	200.00		198.16	1.84
Town Accountant, Salary	650.00		650.00	
Town Accountant, Expenses	50.00		48.99	1.01
Town Treasurer, Salary	1,200.00		1,200.00	
Town Treasurer, Expenses	550.00		534.91	15.09
Tax Collector, Salary	1,500.00		1,500.00	
Tax Collector, Expenses	765.00	75.00t	833.50	6.50
Town Clerk, Salary	800.00		800.00	
Town Clerk, Expenses	250.00		250.00	
Assessors, Salaries	1,000.00		1,000.00	
Assessors, Expenses	500.00		500.00	
Election and Registration	650.00		643.23	6.77
Certification of Notes	10.00			10.00
Law	250.00		206.00	44.00
Town Hall	600.00	8.80r	452.89	155.91
Lawrence Memorial Hall	400.00		378.88	21.12
American Legion Hdqtrs.	350.00	9.00t	357.00	2.00
Police	2,600.00		2,584.70	15.30
Fire Department	2,850.00		2,849.34	.66
Forest Fires	1,500.00		1,500.00	
Hydrant Service	1,500.00		1,500.00	
Moth Suppression	800.00		800.00	
Dutch Elm Disease	1,000.00		998.35	1.65
Tree Warden	1,200.00		1,190.30	9.70
Sealer Weights & Measures	100.00		98.12	1.88
Inspector of Wires	150.00		150.00	
Civil Defense	1,200.00		1,107.99	92.01
Health	1,000.00		963.80	36.20
Sewers, Maintenance	3,600.00		3,568.86	31.14
Highways, Chap. 81	4,120.00	28,325.00*	32,445.00	
Highways, Chap. 90, Const.	3,000.00	7.50r 9,000.00*	9,709.24	2,298.26
Highways, Chap. 90, Mnt.	1,000.00	4,000.00*	4,847.95	152.05
Highways, Snow	3,500.00		3,492.68	7.32
Highways, Streets	2,295.00		1,211.84	1,083.16
Highways, Bridges	1,500.00		1,315.68	184.32
Highways, Sidewalks	100.00		23.52	76.48
Cleaning & Repairing Water Holes	300.00	124.04c		424.04
Road Machinery Expense	4,000.00		3,996.38	3.62
Surfacing Poole Road	400.00		270.74	129.26
George Hannum Road	1,000.00		948.22	51.78
Truck Purchase	2,000.00	2,700.00a	4,695.00	5.00
North Washington Sidewalk	850.00		29.00	821.00

Account	Appropriations	Transfers and Additions	Expenditures	Unexpended
Landers Playground	500.00	22.75r 160.00t	660.00	22.75
Cold Spring Street	1,000.00		864.25	135.75
Street Lights	3,079.00		2,813.58	265.42
Flood Relief		.50r 544.40t 22,900.00t	54,075.64	--30,630.74
Veterans' Aid	1,500.00		1,418.90	81.10
Public Welfare, Salaries	425.00		393.75	31.25
Public Welfare, Gen. Relief	1,000.00		953.51	46.49
Public Welfare, Dist.	1,581.82	29.97r 75.00t	1,656.82	29.97
Old Age Assistance	3,700.00	118.55r	36,245.53	873.02
Disability Assistance	2,500.00		1,911.87	588.13
Aid to Dependent Children	2,500.00	23.05r	942.04	1,581.01
Schools	173,924.00	3.14r	173,085.50	841.64
Vocational Education	2,000.00	2,854.60t	4,730.98	123.62
New Ele. Sch. Bldg., Bonds		26,407.56c	24,407.56	2,000.00
New Ele. Sch. Bldg., Road		8,799.91c	8,799.91	
New Ele. Sch. Bldg. Equip.		1,000.00c	454.07	545.93
New Ele. Sch. Bldg. Com. Fund		8,548.35c	8,548.35	
Clapp Memorial Library	700.00		692.58	7.42
Lawrence Parsons Field	300.00	150.00t	402.38	47.62
Summer Recreation Program	725.00		621.56	103.44
Insurance	7,000.00	913.30a	6,100.53	1,812.77
Memorial Day	200.00		186.40	13.60
Veterans' Day	60.00		60.00	
Honor Roll	20.00			20.00
Photostats of Discharges	25.00		6.00	19.00
Town Dump	325.00		151.00	174.00
Town Clock	100.00		100.00	
Care of Common	150.00	75.00t	194.10	30.90
Planning Board		383.82c	287.65	96.17
Police Radio	1,000.00		1,000.00	
Library Roof	700.00		700.00	
Town History Com.	200.00			200.00
Unpaid 1954 Bills	997.93		997.93	
Unclassified	700.00		655.36	44.64
Reserve Fund	3,500.00		3,398.60	101.40
Cemeteries	1,200.00		1,200.00	
Soldiers' Graves	250.00		250.00	
Addition to Mt. Hope		94.20c	94.20	
Interest	8,763.00		8,763.00	
Maturing Debt	26,000.00		26,000.00	
Retirement Payment	964.05		964.05	
War Memorial	500.00		500.00	

t—Transfers r—Refunds d—Dividend a—Additional c—Carry-over *—State and County Allotments —Deficit (Flood Relief)

TOWN DEBT STATEMENT

Sewer Construction Loan of 1949	$33,000.00
Serial Notes bearing interest at the rate of two and one-half per cent per annum and maturing $2,000.00 annually for 20 years from date of issue, and $1,000 annually for five years thereafter.	
Amount payable in 1956	2,000.00
Sewer Construction Loan of 1952	5,000.00
Serial Notes bearing interest at the rate of two and one-half per cent per annum and maturing $1,000.00 annually for eight years from date of issue.	
Amount payable in 1956	1,000.00
School Building Loan of 1951	189,000.00
Bonds bearing interest at the rate of 2.10%, dated August 1, 1952, payable $12,000.00 annually for five years, and $11,000.000 annually for fifteen years.	
Amount payable in 1956	12,000.00
School Building Loan of 1952	148,000.00
Bonds bearing interest at the rate of 2.10%, dated August 1, 1952, payable $9,000.00 annually for fifteen years, and $8,000.00 annually for five years.	
Amount payable in 1956	9,000.00
Fire Apparatus Loan of 1953	6,000.00
Serial Notes bearing interest at the rate of 2¾% per annum and maturing $2,000.00 annually for 5 years from date of issue.	
Amount payable in 1956	2,000.00

ELEANOR V. SPORBERT, *Town Accountant*

RESERVE FUND TRANSFERS

Authorized by Finance Committee

From Reserve Fund to:		
Town Collector, Expense	$75.00	
American Legion Headquarters	9.00	
Landers Playground	160.00	
Vocational Education	2,854.60	
Parsons Field	150.00	
Common	75.00	
Belchertown-Granby Welfare District	75.00	
Total of Transfers	————	$3,398.60

ELEANOR V. SPORBERT, *Town Accountant*

January 19, 1956

I certify that as Town Accountant I have examined the cash accounts and trust fund accounts of the Town Treasurer, Robert D. Camp, Sr., and have found balances sufficient to cover said ac-accounts in cash and in bank deposits.

Eleanor V. Sporbert, Town Accountant

January 19, 1956

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Hampshire, ss.

Personally appeared before me, Eleanor V. Sporbert, Town Accountant, and made oath that the above statement by her subscribed is true.

Byron A. Hudson, Notary Public

Report of Landers Playground Committee

Board of Selectmen
Belchertown, Massachusetts
Gentlemen:

At the Annual Town Meeting in 1955 this Committee was appointed by the Moderator to direct the improvement and equipment of the Landers Playground which is adjacent to the Franklin School Playground. The sum of $500 was appropriated for this purpose.

Since this area was very heavily covered with brush and small trees, it was extremely difficult to ascertain what could be done until it had been cleared. A few large trees on the area were removed at no expense to the Town. After the area had been cleared several large rocks were discovered which could not be removed except at considerable expense. A large hole was opened up with a bulldozer and it was possible to bury many of these.

The grading was done by Robert Nutting of Granby. It was possible to secure at a very reasonable price a large amount of good loam. This loam had to be moved at once, so arrangements were made with local truck owners and the Selectmen to have this matter attended to at a minimum cost.

Since it was advantageous to combine the Franklin School Playground area with this area, the School Committee cooperated by making available some additional money which was used mainly for the improvement to the Franklin School yard.

The Committee are very appreciative for the cooperation and assistance given by many people. In particular, they wish to recognize the services and equipment donated by Mr. Lawrence Lyons and Mr. Sebastian Dudek. After the loam had been transported to the Playground, Mr. Nutting returned and donated his equipment and service to spread this material.

WALTER P. PIPER
ALBERT DUDEK
CHARLES F. AUSTIN

Annual Report

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

ORGANIZATION

School Committee

	Term Expires
MRS. FANNY G. MOREY, Chairman	1958
WALTER P. PIPER	1956
FITZHUGH L. TURNER	1957

Superintendent of Schools and Secretary of School Committee

CARL J. PETERSON South Main St., Belchertown
Telephone Residence: 4791
Office: 3111

Secretary and Clerk

MRS. MAY ROSE DEWEY North Main St., Belchertown
Telephone Residence: 3591

Meetings of School Committee

At 7:30 P. M. on the Second Wednesday of the Month

School Nurse

MRS. TIRZAH JUSKALIAN, R. N., Green Avenue, Belchertown
Telephone Residence: 2832
Office: 4371

School Physician

JAMES L. COLLARD, M. D. Maple St., Belchertown
Telephone Residence: 2411

Attendance Officer

CLARENCE HUBBARD Ware Road, Belchertown
Telephone Residence: 2351

No School Signal

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Report of School Committee

To the Citizens of Belchertown:

The Belchertown School Committee meets regularly at least once a month and when urgent problems arise, special meetings are held to avoid delay.

The functions of the Committee are (1) to adopt policies for the school system, (2) to provide adequate means for executing them, (3) to see that they are efficiently carried out, (4) to review proposals and criticisms, and (5) to evaluate the schools. The School Committee employ a Superintendent to serve as an adviser in matters of policy making and delegate to him the executive function of carrying out these policies. Since one of the duties of the Superintendent is to provide a detailed account of the schools, the Committee herewith submits this also as its report.

In addition to the budget request for local schools, the Committee is this year requesting the appropriation of five thousand dollars for the vocational education account. This account was formerly administered by the Board of Selectmen, but at the request of that Board and the Finance Committee the School Committee have assumed the responsibility. This is a more expedient arrangement in that the School Committee and Superintendent are legally responsible for the enrollment, attendance, travel allotment, etc., of students who attend trade high schools. It has been gratifying to note the general success of most students who transfer to these schools from the local high school.

By unanimous vote, the Belchertown School Committee respectfully ask the town to appropriate the sum of $193,357.00 for the running of the schools during 1956.

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1956

	Appropriation 1955	Appropriation 1956
GENERAL CONTROL	$10,740.00	$11,000.00
INSTRUCTION	97,385.00	115,297.00
OPERATION OF SCHOOL PLANT	20,450.00	21,263.00
REPAIRS AND REPLACEMENTS	3,000.00	2,500.00
TRANSPORTATION	32,000.00	32,000.00
HEALTH	3,580.00	4,150.00
MISCELLANEOUS	632.00	740.00
HOUSEHOLD ARTS	4,187.00	5,057.00
CAPITAL OUTLAY	1,200.00	800.00
LIBRARY	300.00	550.00
	$173,924.00	$193,357.00

SECTION 10 of School Aid, Chapter 643, Acts of 1948, requires School Committees when submitting their school budgets, to include an estimate of the following receipts:

Group A.		
1. School Aid, Chapter 643	$35,820.13	
2. Transportation	28,341.04	
3. Superintendent Reimbursement	3,333.33	
4. Vocational Arts	1,967.89	$69,462.39
Group B.		
1. Tuition & Transportation of State Wards	6,565.65	6,565.65
		$76,028.04
Approximate amount to be raised by local taxation		$117,328.96

FANNY G. MOREY, *Chairman*
WALTER P. PIPER
FITZHUGH L. TURNER
School Committee

Report of Superintendent of Schools

Members of the School Committee and Citizens of Belchertown:

I herewith submit my fourth annual report on the Belchertown Public Schools.

The education of boys and girls cannot wait. It is not possible to postpone it for five or fifteen years. The seven hundred and twenty-five pupils attending our local schools must be given equal educational opportunity with all other children and young people in the Commonwealth.

Education costs money. It would be presumptuous to say that the expenditure of more money would result in better education. There are, however, certain financial comparisons that should not be overlooked if the present standard of local education is to be maintained and improved. Three budget items that can directly affect this standard are: teachers' salaries; money for textbooks; and money for classroom supplies.

The average teacher's salary at the reopening of school in September was three thousand one hundred dollars ($3,100) and four thousand one hundred dollars ($4,100) for the average in the State of Massachusetts. Fortunately, our teachers are not measuring the standards of their teaching responsibility or efficiency in the same ratio as their salaries or at the seventy-five per cent level. I am pleased to report that our teachers are conscientiously working to realize the highest educational aims. Morale has remained high but this should not be construed as an argument for the continuance of the present salary level. In the past two years it has been possible to fill vacancies only because personal circumstances relating to those employed have made it possible for them to accept positions here. This unique and, to date, fortunate situation cannot be depended upon to continue. Will it be possible in the future to select teachers or merely accept the candidate that cannot secure a position elsewhere?

The cost of books and supplies has increased with rising labor and materials cost. The increasing enrollment means that in addition to replacements there must be increased amounts. It has been estimated by one school administrator that in addition to work books, reference books and library books a sixth grade pupil needs approximately $21.34 worth of books based on 1955 prices. In all statistical material prepared by the Massachusetts Department of Education, Belchertown is classified in Group III, towns under 5,000 population maintaining high schools. In this category Belchertown spent during the past year $1.48 below the average per pupil for textbooks and $3.31 below the average for instructional supplies. A total saving of $4.79 per pupil multiplied by 725 pupils appears to be a substantial saving to the Town. Is this economy justified?

The following abbreviated reports of the Principals, School Nurse, Household Arts Instructor and Music Supervisor outline in detail the changes that have taken place during the past year and indicate the progress that has been and is being made.

FRANKLIN SCHOOL

Miss Eleanor Fitzgerald, Principal

Several changes and improvements have taken place at Franklin School during the past year. These changes have brought many favorable comments from appreciative parents and other interested citizens of the community.

The front entrance has been completely renovated. This has resulted in greater safety, and has vastly improved the appearance of the building. The exterior woodwork and the interior walls and ceilings of the entire building were repainted.

The Landers Playground, which is located directly in back of the school has been cleared and utilized. This field affords sufficient space for all the children to play.

Nearly every child has taken advantage of the Hot Lunch Program which was started in October. These lunches are prepared at the Cold Spring Cafeteria and transported to Frankin School.

In addition to the lunch program, banking was also started this fall. The majority of the children are weekly participants. Through this program the children are learning not only to budget their money, but also to save a portion of their allowance and earnings each week.

Education Week was held during the week of November 7. On the night of November 7 all teachers assembled at Cold Spring School to meet parents and to explain their methods of teaching. Parents also visited the classrooms during the week to see their children at work.

COLD SPRING SCHOOL

Mr. Elwyn J. Doubleday, Principal

It is important to any school to be able to retain its teachers, to provide a good basic program for its children, and to include extracurricula activities. These things were accomplished in the elementary schools this year.

During the school year instructional emphasis continued to be placed on the basic subjects: language, arithmetic and reading. In language the emphasis was placed on being able to listen, to speak orally, and to write and spell correctly. A new spelling program, using the Language Arts Spellers was introduced in all schools, Grades 1-8, in September. The early results of this program are excellent. In arithmetic, stress was placed on showing the importance of accuracy and the necessity for drill in the basic facts in addition, substraction, multiplication and division. In reading, the emphasis was placed on vocabulary development, word attack, and the development of an interest in reading during leisure time.

The Scott Foresman Basal Readers and the State Curriculum Guide "Phonics" serve as a basis for our reading program. A gradual replacement of the old Basal readers is under way in order to bring our reading material up to date. A set of supplementary readers and two sets of enclyclopedias were also added in order to aid the children in their work. All elementary teachers were fortunate to participate in an in-service conference on phonics conducted by Miss Margaret Shea, State Supervisor of Elementary Education.

A science program was introduced in Grade 6 in order to bridge the gap between the Grade 5 science program and the junior high school. It is hoped that science can be introduced in other grades during the coming year.

In January the Registry of Motor Vehicles conducted two safety assemblies in an attempt to make the students more safety conscious. In May, Stanford Achievement Tests were administered to all pupils with very satisfactory results. Members of Grades 5 and 6 took part in the Music Festival held at Chicopee. Several education field trips were taken, including one to Old Deerfield by Grade 6 and one to Quabbin Reservoir by Grade 4. The Metropolitan Police cooperated with the local police, and presented a program to Grade 2 in December. Many students continued to participate in band instruction during the year and new members were added.

Three practice teachers did work in Grades 2, 3 and 4 during the spring. All three are now teaching successfully. This teacher training program has proven beneficial, both to the nearby colleges and to the participating schools.

In June, the first group of sixth graders, 58, were promoted to the Junior High School. The first school year proved very successful, with 411 different pupils enrolled during the school year.

When school reopened in September, Mrs. Clarice Camp began her duties as a second grade teacher, replacing Miss Mildred Robbins, who had resigned. All other teaching assignments remained unchanged.

The enrollment in each Grade was as follows:

	Boys	Girls	Totals
Grade 1	31	31	62
Grade 2	37	25	62
Grade 3	30	22	52
Grade 4	32	27	59
Grade 5	30	24	54
Grade 6	38	32	70
	198	161	359

Soon after school reopened, the roadway leading to the school and the circle immediately adjacent to the school were hard surfaced. Later, the playground was seeded. It is hoped that before the end of the school year, the playground can be used. The circle and the all-purpose room still serve as our playgrounds.

The cafeteria continued in operation, with little change in the number of meals being served the children at Cold Spring School. Approximately 240 lunches, 60 milk, and 135 extra milk are served daily.

On November 7, the Belchertown Teachers' Association, combined with the Belchertown Parent-Teachers' Association, held a meeting at Cold Spring School. Over 200 parents and friends, representing more than 120 families, were at this meeting. Elementary pupils and teachers prepared materials for exhibit in the all-purpose room on the Three R's.

Mrs. Olive Molt began her duties as Art Supervisor, meeting with each class each week. Her results are very satisfactory; however, thirty minutes each week in each classroom does not permit sufficient time to develop the program to its fullest.

A new report card was introduced in the elementary grades, with many favorable comments resulting. Each card is provided with a teacher and parent comment sheet. It is felt that this card gives the parents a better picture of how their child is doing.

The janitorial staff is to be complimented on their fine maintenance program. Many favorable comments have been made by the numerous visitors to the building. Only through a scheduled plan consisting of sufficient personnel and adequate material, can we hope to keep the building maintained properly.

At the end of one and one-half years of operation, the staff at Cold Spring School are extremely pleased with the interest shown by many parents throughout the year.

CENTER SCHOOL

Mr. Donald E. Geer, Principal

During the past year several of the objectives outlined for the Center School in the 1954 report have been achieved.

A basketball team has been formed which participated in several games during January and February.

Appropriate year-ending exercises were held in June which included the following:

1. An invitation dance in honor of the eighth grade.
2. An eighth grade class dinner at the Cold Spring School Cafeteria.
3. A concluding assembly program at which certificates of completion were presented to the fifty-eight members of the eighth grade who were promoted to high school.

In September the Center School reopened with an enrollment of one hundred thirty-eight, an increase of eighteen over the opening enrollment in 1954, and thirteen over the closing enrollment in June 1955.

The enrollment by grades was as follows:

Grade 8—29 Boys	35 Girls
Grade 7—38 Boys	36 Girls

The only change in our teaching staff was the addition of Mr. Aloysius Bundrick who replaced Miss Janet Ross on our permanent staff.

Additions to the school program during the past year include the following:

1. An Art Program is being conducted. Every pupil receives one period of art instruction each week.
2. A hot lunch program is now available. Pupils are transported to and from the Cold Spring School Cafeteria. The average number taking part in this program is about eighty or over fifty percent of the enrollment.
3. An intramural basketball program has been organized. Games are played during physical education classes and on Tuesday and Friday afternoons.
4. A school paper is being published by the eighth grade. All pupils have an opportunity to contribute material.

Two major improvements to the building during the past year were: the installation of a flood light on the front of the building so that the lane may be better lighted for night functions; the purchase of thirty new desks which have replaced some of the poorest and undersized furniture formerly in use.

It would be most advantageous to the school if some action could be taken on the following recommendations during the coming school year: a guidance and testing program to assist pupils in deciding on their future course; additional furniture to replace the remaining desks that are inadequate; extensive repairs to the roof and plaster, and redecorating in the various rooms; more adequate lighting; and improved playground conditions.

HIGH SCHOOL

Mr. Guy E. Harrington, Principal

The enrollment in September, 1955, was as follows:

	Boys	Girls	Totals
Seniors	8	11	19
Juniors	11	16	27
Sophomores	16	22	38
Freshmen	31	29	60
	—	—	—
	66	78	144

Eleven girls and twelve boys graduated in June 1955. Of these graduates, Mary Socha is studying at New Rochelle College; Joyce Dupius and Richard Knight are enrolled at the University of Massachusetts; Alexander Ross is attending Holyoke Junior College; Carol Barrett is preparing for a career in music at Mt. Ida Junior College; Nancy Whittaker is enrolled at Bay Path Junior College; Sandra Rhodes is studying at Northampton Commercial College; Peter Allen and John Garvan are attending Monson Academy; Maureen Russell is training to be a nurse at Springfield Hospital; Walter Brown, Norman Forest and Gerard McCullough have enlisted in various branches of the United States Armed Forces; Andrew Galanski is attending the Massachusetts Radio and Television School in Boston; Carolyn Bullough is employed by the Telephone Company in Springfield; Carol Ritter is doing general office work at the Lynn Textile in Holyoke; Alice Skorupski has employment at Monsanto; Patricia Socha is doing secretarial work at the Three Rivers Industry; Barbara Smith is employed as a secretary at Massachusetts Mutual; Clifford Dyer has employment at Monsanto; James LaBroad is working at Quabbin; Harold Norman is clerking at the local A. & G. Store; and George Dupont is engaged in construction work with his father.

To fill the vacancy caused by the departure of Mr. Stanley Hoinacki, Mr. Robert D. Camp, Jr., was appointed to teach the classes in Science. Mr. Camp is a graduate of Belchertown High School, and graduated from Springfield College in June 1955. Mrs. Roberta Hoinacki resigned late in August, and was succeeded by Mrs. Althea Cliff to teach English and French. Mrs. Cliff has an A. B. degree from Bates College, and has done graduate work at Middlebury College, McGill University, New Haven Teachers' College and the University of Michigan. She has had seven years of teaching experience in Maine, Connecticut and Michigan.

New textbooks have been introduced this year in Algebra, Household Arts, English Literature, Civics and World History. Several new workbooks have been used. The Book of Popular Science, published by the Grolier Society, Inc., has been added for reference work.

Belchertown High School subscribes to the Guidance Service of the Science Research Associates. This service gives reliable information for students concerning up-to-date facts about jobs, how to select suitable and satisfying careers, how to prepare for the vocations, and how to get and hold a job. The service includes Life Adjustment Booklets, having such titles as Choosing Your Career, Getting Job Experience, How to Get the Job, Our World of Work, School Subjects and Jobs, What Employers Want, and Your Personality and Your Job.

The Iowa Tests of Educational Development have been taken again this year by all the students. Officials from the Ware Office of the Division of Employment Security have given aptitude tests to the seniors. In addition, the Industrial Technical Schools of Boston administered the Bennett Mechanical Comprehension tests to most of the boys, and the Otis Gamma Tests to the seniors, with no expense to our school.

The school paper this year has taken on a new format and a new name. Now called the *B. H. S. Informant,* it consists of several pages set up in newspaper form, with all work-typing, headlines, drawing, etc., done by the staff and produced on the duplicating machine. It is issued every other week, and sells for five cents per copy. It contains no advertising. These changes were made in an attempt to make the paper more a "news" paper than a magazine.

The Yearbook will keep the name *Oracle.* For it advertising will be solicited.

As in past years, several activities and programs have been participated in during the school year. These have included performances by the dramatic club, the drivers' training and education course, assemblies, playing in the band, educational trips and tours, the publication of the yearbook, the showing of educational films, student government day campaigns, the senior class play, the Civics Hobby Show, the American Legion Oratorical Contest, P. T. A. panel discussion, pupil attendance at Boys' and Girls' State, athletic contests, dances, the senior class trip to New York and Washington, class participation in the Belchertown Fair and magazine and paper drives.

VOCATIONAL HOUSEHOLD ARTS

Mrs. Florence Jackson, Instructor

The Household Arts Department is now open to girls from the seventh through tenth grade. At present, there are 72 enrolled in the Junior High Group and 28 in the High School Group.

The seventh grade girls start on simple aprons, a project which serves to teach them the use of the sewing machine, and also some of the hand stitches. They then go on to more complicated projects such as skirts, waistcoats and blouses. These youngsters are enthusiastic over the opportunity to supplement familiar classroom routine with periods of handwork.

The eighth grade alternates between foods and clothing, learning special techniques as they progress.

The high school girls study food values, planning and serving well-balanced meals. They also have units on the various aspects of homemaking, such as child care, home nursing, budgeting and home care. The projects in clothing are suited to the needs and ability of the students, advancing into the field of tailoring.

Several field trips are planned for the tenth grade. These have included visits to the Handy Meat Packing Plant, the Trade High School, the Belchertown Farms Milk Plant, the Cold Spring School cafeteria, and the Home Economics Building at the University of Massachusetts.

It is very pleasing to know that two of the Household Arts girls are now planning to go on to college and major in Home Economics with a view to teaching that subject.

Parents of the girls are very helpful in their cooperation with the work at school. This cooperation takes the form of letting the children practice their learnings in the home laboratory and in keeping the girls supplied with the materials needed for their clothing projects.

The students cooperated with the school health department by sewing the examination gowns which are worn by girls when taking their physical examinations.

The Advisory Council has also been very helpful, particularly when transportation has been needed for field trips, and the school officials are always receptive to suggestions for improvement in the facilities of the department.

MUSIC

Mrs. Clara Cook, Supervisor

Music is a means an individual uses to express what he feels or thinks. Every human being possesses a feeling for music and can learn to appreciate it. Experiences which students have in small groups, individually, or in the class as a whole are: Creating songs, playing autoharps, tonettes, tone bells, organ pipes and recorders; telling a story in sound; feeling and recognizing music that is strongly rhythmic, beautiful in its melody, and basically harmonic; acting out creatively music to which they listen.

Rote singing and note reading continue in the first three grades. Grades four through twelve are reading music in parts. At the Junior High level pupils are introduced for the first time to the bass staff.

A musical variety program which included every room in grades one through six, junior and senior high was presented last May for the P. T. A. Special Christmas music was presented in all grades.

The Senior High School Glee Club auditioned at the Western Massachusetts Music Festival in Chicopee. They received a superior rating (mark 94-100). Grade six also auditioned and received a rating of excellent (mark 87-94).

In the word of one Educator: "Music is not a separate subject and apart from the general program of education; it must be an integral part that serves the complete needs of the children."

HEALTH

Mrs. Tirzah D. Juskalian, R. N.

The general health situation appears to have improved. This may be attributed, in part, to our improved school facilities and the elimination of overcrowding. Improved nutrition through the school cafeteria cannot be overlooked. The teachers have participated by encouraging the students to try "new" foods. Good eating habits can often times be developed much more readily in a group.

Based on legal requirements (revised in 1954) of Rules and Regulations for Physical Examinations of School Children in Massachusetts, spaced examinations were conducted. The law states that all children entering school for the first year must be examined and thereafter, every third or fourth year. Since the family physician has a comprehensive knowledge of the health status of the child, he may perform this examination and a school record form is forwarded for him to fill out. Otherwise, if a parent does not request to have this examination done by the family physician, then it is provided by the school doctor. Because of the new regulation, a more thorough examination is possible. Any examinations to be done by a family doctor or preventive measures, such as vaccination and other immunizations, should be completed in the spring, rather than just before opening of school in September.

In January, the Household Arts Instructor and nurse took the Red Cross Home Nursing Instructor's Course. This makes it possible for the Sophomores taking Household Arts to receive their certificates upon completion of the Course in Home Nursing.

This year, arrangements were made with Dr. Frederick Goodhue of the Hampshire County Public Health Association to have the Mobile Unit brought to the High School. All Freshmen and Seniors were X-rayed in May. In addition, students 15 years and over, not in these classes, were X-rayed during the Town Survey conducted in September. Fortunately, no active case was reported.

One of the high lights of the year was the Anti-Polio Clinic, held in the Cold Spring School. This program was conducted, jointly, by Doctor James L. Collard, school physician, and Doctor Kenneth Collard, special agent for the Board of Health. The doctors were assisted by a group of volunteers, including nurses, school personnel and the cafeteria staff. Seventy-two children in the first and second grades received their first Salk Polio vaccine.

Vision and Hearing tests were given each pupil. Parents have done very well in seeking medical care and to have defects corrected. The Parent-Teachers' Association has raised funds for the purchase of an Audiometer, to eliminate waiting for an instrument which has previously been borrowed from the State Health Department.

Every precaution is taken to maintain healthful classroom environment and to prevent accidents. Children should not be sent to school if they are ill on the presumption that once they get to school they will "get over it." This not only exposes other pupils to the illness, but also lowers the resistance of the sick child, thereby inviting more serious illness. Because regular school attendance is important, proper health habits should be encouraged at home to prevent the need for absence.

At all of the school buildings with the exception of Cold Spring, there is a need for better equipment and facilities to meet the health needs of the pupils. In the long range planning for the modernization and improvement of these buildings, provisions should be made for a supply of hot water to the lavoratories.

CONCLUSION

In concluding this report I would like to give honorable mention to two bus owners who have given careful and efficient school bus service to the Town, and who will not be operating school busses after January 1, 1956. Mr. William Squires accepted his first school bus contract January 1, 1934, and he has established during the past twenty-two years an enviable record of safety and dependability. Mrs. Squires has shared the responsibility for the operation of his routes and she has ably demonstrated the capability of a woman as a bus driver. Mr. Lafayette Ayers has been operating over the same bus route for the past ten years. He also inaugurated the noon bus service which made it possible to bring the pupils at the Center School to the Cold Spring cafeteria for their lunch. Both of these operators often made the busses available for school and extra curricular functions at a very nominal charge, or in many instances without any additional charge.

One very successful accomplishment during the year was the expansion of the hot lunch program to include Franklin and the Center School. Under the very capable direction of Mrs. Phyllis Mullane, Cafeteria Manager, the Lunch Program has maintained excellent standards in the preparation and serving of meals and this has been reflected by the continued high percentage of pupil participation.

Although not an employee in the Public Schools as Traffic Officer, I wish to pay tribute for the faithful service rendered by Mr. Clarence Hubbard in the performance of his duty during the hours of pupil arrival and departure.

I wish to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to all citizens and school personnel who work for the betterment of the schools. I am particularly mindful of the sincerity and diligence of the members of the School Committee and I appreciate their confidence and cooperation in the administration of the schools.

Respectfully submitted,

CARL J. PETERSON

Superintendent of Schools

ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 1, 1955

SCHOOL	GRADES												TOTAL
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
Cold Spring Sch.	69	63	52	58	55	70							367
Center							75	66					141
Franklin	11	14	13	14	14	14							80
High School									59	38	27	19	143
Total	80	77	65	72	69	84	75	66	59	38	27	19	731

School Financial Report

CLASSIFICATION OF SCHOOL EXPENDITURES, 1955

GENERAL CONTROL		
School Committee		
Salaries	$325.00	
Expenses	30.00	$355.00
Superintendent of Schools		
Salary	6,108.27	
Expenses—including in and out-of-state travel, clerical help, postage, stationery and telephone	4,125.15	
Law Enforcement	40.33	10,273.75
INSTRUCTION		
Teachers' Salaries	91,119.52	
Teachers' Expenses	153.15	
Instructional Supplies	5,619.56	96,892.23
OPERATION OF SCHOOL PLANT		
Janitor Service	10,518.52	
Operation of Expense: Supplies, Telephone, Electricity and Water	4,792.09	
Fuel	6,102.27	21,412.88
MAINTENANCE OF SCHOOL PLANT		
Repairs and Replacements	2,880.63	2,880.63
AUXILIARY AGENCIES		
Promotion of Health	3,434.48	
Transportation	31,769.70	35,204.18

MISCELLANEOUS	683.50	683.50
CAPITAL OUTLAY		
Building Alteration and New Equipment	724.58	724.58
HOUSEHOLD ARTS	4,380.12	4,380.12
LIBRARY	275.49	275.49
Total Expenditures from Appropriation (Total cost of Schools)		$173,082.36
Receipts: Appropriation of 1955	$173,924.00	173,924.00
BALANCE RETURNED TO TOWN		841.64
RECEIPTS—Paid to the town of Belchertown from other sources than local taxation:		
Dept. of Public Welfare, State Wards	$7,827.25	
School Aid (Chapter 643)	35,820.13	
Transportation	25,290.65	
Superintendent reimbursement	3,333.33	
Vocational Household Arts	1,933.41	74,204.77
RECAPITULATION		
Total Cost of Schools		$173,082.36
Reimbursement from State		74,204.77
Actual cost to Town of Belchertown, 1955		$98,877.59
Actual cost to Town of Belchertown, 1954		$85,635.73

Vocational Education Financial Report

Vocational Education Appropriation 1955	$2,000.00	
Transfer from Reserve Fund April 4, 1955	554.60	
Transfer from Reserve Fund Aug. 25, 1955	300.00	
Transfer from Reserve Fund Nov. 23, 1955	2,000.00	$4,854.60
Expenses:		
Transportation of pupils, 1955	$1,133.10	
Tuition of Pupils, 1955	3,597.88	4,730.98
BALANCE RETURNED TO TOWN		$123.62
Receipts:		
Reimbursement: Transportation	$313.05	
Reimbursement: Tuition	1,044.11	$1,357.16
Recapitulation:		
Total cost of Vocational Education		$4,730.98
Reimbursements from State	1,357.16	1,357.16
Actual cost to the Town		$3,373.82

School Calendar

SEPTEMBER 7, 1955 to JUNE 22, 1956

1955

September 7—Wednesday—Schools open

October 12—Wednesday—Schools close—Columbus Day

October 21—Friday—Schools close—Hampden County Teachers Association Convention

November 11—Friday—Schools close—Veterans' Day

November 24, 25—Thursday, Friday—Schools close—Thanksgiving Vacation. Wednesday, November 23—all schools close at 11.45.

November 28—Monday—Schools reopen

December 23—Friday (noon)—Schools close—Christmas Vacation

1956

January 3—Tuesday—Schools reopen

February 22—Wednesday—Schools close—Washington's Birthday

February 24—Friday—Schools close—Midwinter Vacation

March 5—Monday—Schools reopen

March 30—Friday—Schools close—Good Friday

April 19—Thursday—Schools close—Patriots' Day

April 27—Friday—Schools close—Spring Vacation

May 7—Monday—Schools reopen

May 30—Wednesday—Schools close—Memorial Day

June 15—Friday—Elementary Schools close—Summer Vacation

June 22—Friday—High School closed—Summer Vacation

84th Commencement

OF THE

BELCHERTOWN HIGH SCHOOL

June 16

1955

Lawrence Memorial Hall

8:00 P. M.

GRADUATES

Peter Merrill Allen
Carolyn Gladys Barrett
Walter Alfred Brown
Carolyn Louise Bullough
George Eugene Dupont, Jr.
Joyce Orise Victoria Dupuis
Clifford Joseph Dyer
Norman Leonard Forest
Andrew Michael Galanski, Jr.
John Joseph Garvan, Jr.
Richard Harmon Knight
James Dawson LaBroad
Gerard Daniel McCullough, Jr.
Harold Richard Norman
Sandra Lee Rhodes
Carol Ann Ritter
Alexander Forsythe Ross, Jr.
Maureen Claire Russell
Alice Joanna Skorupski
Barbara Elizabeth Smith
Mary Elizabeth Socha
Patricia Ann Socha
Nancy Joan Whittaker

PROGRAM

Processional — Mrs. Marion Shaw
Accompanist

Invocation — Rev. George R. Dudley

Song "The Lord's Prayer" — *Albert Hay Malotte*
Glee Club

Salutatory — Carolyn Bullough

Song "America Our Heritage" — *Helen Steele*
Waring Arrangement
Glee Club

Valedictory — Mary Socha

Songs "Madame Jeanette" — *Alan Murray*
Girls

"Who Did ?" — *Spiritual*
"Steal Away" — *Spiritual*
Boys

"My Own America"
Glee Club

Introduction of speaker of evening — Carl J. Peterson
Superintendent

Address — Professor Stewart Lee Garrison
Amherst College

Emory F. Munsell Award — Guy E. Harrington

Lions Club Scholarship — Charles F. Austin

Arnold C. Martinelli, Jr., Memorial Scholarships
Mrs. Francis P. Loftus

Presentation of Class to School Committee
Guy E. Harrington
Principal of High School

Awarding of Diplomas — Mrs. Fanny G. Morey
Chairman School Committee

Song "You'll Never Walk Alone" — *Rodgers & Hammerstein*
Seniors

Benediction — Rev. Wayne Underhill

Songs Directed by Mrs. Clara P. Cook
Accompanist, Mrs. Marion Shaw

RECEPTION

SCHOOL PERSONNEL AS OF JAN. 1, 1956

Name	Position	Year Appointed
Carl J. Peterson	Superintendent	1953
Clara M. Cook	Music Supervisor	1948
Olive Molt	Art Supervisor	1955
Harold Young	Band Director	1954
Tirzah Juskalian, R. N.	School Nurse	1954
Dr. James Collard	School Physician	1911
HIGH SCHOOL		
Guy E. Harrington	Principal	1943
Chester Eisold	Mathematics, Social Science, Basketball Coach	1948
Robert D. Camp, Jr.	Science—Baseball Coach	1955
Althea Cliff	English—French	1955
Florence Jackson	Household Arts, Science	1946
Angela LeGrand	Commercial Subjects	1951
Sophia M. Pero	Latin—English	1941
Ada W. Tague	Social Studies	1946
Gerald G. Tremaine	Mathematics—Social Science	1952
CENTER SCHOOL		
Grades 7 and 8		
Donald E. Geer	Principal, Science	1950
Bernadette Bowler	English—Mathematics	1942
Aloysius Bundrick	Social Studies—Physical Education	1955
Marion K. Shaw	Mathematics—English—Social Studies	1926
COLD SPRING SCHOOL		
Elwyn J. Doubleday	Supervising Principal	1947
Doris R. Crespi	Grade 1	1953
Beverly A. Royce	Grade 1	1952
Clarice Camp	Grade 2	1955

Irene B. Orlando	Grade 2	1917
Alice Flaherty	Grade 3	1922
Blanche F. Austin	Grade 3	1953
Vera Harrington	Grade 4	1944
Emma Loftus	Grade 4	1948
Ruth Rietzel	Grade 5	1951
Madeleine R. Lambert	Grade 5	1924
Margaret Austin	Grade 6	1954
Rachel Shumway	Grade 6	1954
FRANKLIN SCHOOL		
Eleanor Fitzgerald	Principal, Grades 1-2	1931
Nellie Shea	Grades 3-4	1901
Mildred Carter	Grades 5-6	1943
CAFETERIA		
Phyllis Mullane	Supervisor	1954
Margaret Doubleday	Bookkeeper	1955
Nellie Dudek	Worker	1954
Mary Young	Worker	1954
Clara Skinner	Worker	1955
Angeline Dugre	Worker	1955
Valeria Skorupski	Worker	1955
Ruby Martin	Worker	1955
CUSTODIANS		
George M. Dewey	Cold Spring School	1947
Carl P. Hagman	Cold Spring School	1954
William F. Kimball, Jr.	High School, Household Arts and Center School	1950
Ralph Shumway	Part-time Assistant, Center	1954
Albert M. Dudek	Franklin	1948
William Aldrich	Union School	1950
Clarence Hubbard	Attendance Officer	1951

List of Jurors

NAME	ADDRESS	OCCUPATION
Charles F. Austin	Ware Road	Laborer
Joseph F. Austin	West Street	Farmer
John W. Avery	South Main Street	Pharmacist
Philip R. Barnes	Federal Street	Maintenance
Raymond T. Beaudoin	Metacomet Street	Farmer
George E. Booth	Walker Street	Fireman Station.
Robert J. Braden	Amherst Road	Mechanic
Robert D. Camp, Sr.	Jackson Street	Mechanic
Leslie A. Campbell	Blue Meadow Road	Sanitation Eng.
Frank A. Cantin	Bay Road	Floorman
Armand Cartier	Bay Road	Warehouseman
William C. Belmont, Jr.	Green Avenue	Time Supervisor
John Boncik	North Washington Street	Assembler
Fred Champion	Federal Street	Auditor
John A. Collis	Main Street	Poultryman
Raymond Dana	Walker Street	Sorter
Richard D. N. Dickinson	Allen Road	Builder
Malcolm E. Dorey	Springfield Road	Auto Dealer
David E. Fournier, Jr.	Bay Road	Farmer
Louis E. Fuller	Mill Valley Road	Insurance
Fred Goodrich	Federal Street	Storekeeper
Stanford J. Harrington	Park Street	Accountant
Walter E. Henry	State Street	Superintendent
Charles F. Howard	Jackson Street	Machinist
Antranig Juskalian	Green Avenue	Lead Operator
Andrew G. Ketchen	North Main Street	Farmer
Harold D. Kimball	South Main Street	T. V. Repairman
H. Conrad Kirby	Jackson Street	Stationery Engineer
Wilfred L. Noel	Maple Street	Lead Operator
Arthur C. Pepin	Boardman Street	Psychologist
Raymond F. Phaneuf	North Washington Street	Chemist
Harlan D. Rhodes	State Street	Painter
Howard C. Shirtcliff	Maple Street	Instructor
Louis A. Shumway	North Main Street	Plumber
Theodore Soja	Hannum Street	Filer
Harold D. Suhm	So. Main Street	Stationery Fireman
Donald A. Towne	Sargent Street	Service Manager
Sidney W. Wheeler	Everett Avenue	Financial Adviser
Carl E. White	Walker Street	Area Mechanic
Earle H. Whitehouse	North Washington Street	Carpenter
Theodore R. Wickham	State Street	Refrigeration
Helen R. Allen	Jackson Street	Housewife
Ann C. Austin	West Street	Housewife
Catherine L. Chadbourne	North Main Street	Housewife
Ella L. Chamberlain	Springfield Road	Bookkeeper
Muriel B. Craig	Main Street	Housewife
Lucy J. Hislop	South Main Street	Bookkeeper
Alma Lindquist	Mill Valley Road	Librarian
Florence B. Poole	Maple Street	Canteen Hostess

Appendix

Statistical Report of Town Clerk

BIRTHS RECORDED 1955

Date	Name	Parents
November, 1954		
21	Richard Daniel Ramadon, Jr.	Richard Daniel and Daisy Irene Markot
December		
10	Dave Kurt Santowski	Albert Karl and Helen Viola Johnson
11	Robert Aime Lapointe	Aime George and Rita Gabriel Sansoucy
14	David John Knapp	John Robert and Glenna Arline Hadley
19	Amelia Louise Dickinson	Harvey Milton and Doris Mae Hawkins
January, 1955		
3	Jeremy Paul McGorty	Carroll John and Ellen Susan Bennett
8	Carol Ogilvie	Charles Alexander and Barbara Joyce Hendry

12	Bonnie Lee Miller	Ralph Richard and Amelia Cecile Smola
February		
2	Thomas Francis Meaux	Hyman Alfred and Ruth Ann Goenner
3	Darice Marie Vanasse	Robert Norman and Mary Theresa Shakarian
10	Marilyn Joy Ranger	Harold D. and Emily M. McAuslan
11	Rosemarie Tiner	George Luther and Frances Ann Phillips
16	Paula Leslie Lepp	Eugene Clifford and Virginia Dell Gainey
18	Miles Monroe Shaffer	Rash and Gloria Jean Hubler
20	William Armand Theroux	Armand William and Doris A. Rivers
21	Philip James Koslik	Frederick Joseph and Mary Ann Leganza
26	Dianna Lynn Titus	Dexter Leon and Nancy Louise Rintala
28	Stephen Gerry Whitlock	William Gerry and Muriel Ann Eaton
March		
1	Patricia Louise Wiegel	Albert Joseph and Dorothy Irene Keyes
9	Deborah Ann Allen	Leonard John and Geraldine Priscilla Cambo
12	Holly Elizabeth Olson	William Edward and Elizabeth Donaldson
13	David Dobson Nute	Frank and Claire Lamoureaux
15	Michael Walter Zglobicki	Michael John and Emily Bernice Cupryna
21	Holly Ann Howard	Charles Fairchild and Helen E. Cook

April		
2	Elaine Kay Schmuck	Ralph H. and Dorothy Isabelle Parker
9	Gary Jay Capen	Leon George and Helen Mary Vaughan
13	Bruce Millier Campbell	Leslie Andrews and Lorraine Millier
28	Debra Theresa Perrault	Arthur Philip and Lucy Pelletier
May		
15	Patrice Michele Barrett	Bruce and Edna Lamoureaux
15	Debra Ann Terry	Melvin W. and Barbara Medrek
19	William Douglas Rhodes	Douglas and Leotia Nira Batchelder
27	Nancy Marie Shirtcliff	Walter Edward and June H. Murcell
31	Patricia Ellen Austin	Joseph F. and Claire E. Sullivan
June		
1	Robert Ousey	John Thomas and Mary T. McHugh
1	Kenneth Letourneau	Odilon and Violet Eckert
1	Susan Barbara Hayward	James F. and Stella K. Smolen
2	Hollis Anne Plant	Earl L. and Elinor Heath
3	Mark Dean Lucia	Bruce Dean and Marion Eula Booth
3	Donald Peter Anderson	Robert Guy and Julia M. A. Smola
14	Charmaine Ann Squires	Lewis Albert and Marguerite Caouette
14	Sandra Mary Lou Lyon	Donald and Priscilla Brown
15	Sandra Robin Dorey	Malcoln Edgar and Shirley Ann Hazen
16	Richard Kenneth Cook, Jr.	Richard Kenneth and Joan Catherine Kernicki

16	Dennis Carleton Wood	Allen Erwin and Cynthia Aldine Robinson
20	Nancy Jane Desmorier	Arthur Leon and Alberta Tucker
July		
1	Kenneth Lloyd Gay	Royal Kenneth and Jessie Chadbourne
4	Donald Edward Geer, Jr.	Donald Edward and Priscilla Vaughan
16	Teresa Linda Wadsworth	Donald Angus and Jeanne Marie Sweeney
21	John Michael Piekara	Theodore John and Bernice Viola Broecker
24	Jody Ann Normand	Noel Leo and Simone Gregoire
24	Richard Earl Burford, Jr.	Richard Earl and Mona Arlene Potter
26	Judith Bernice Ritter	Robert M. and Margaret Hill
August		
2	Elmer John Dodge	John Victor and Joan Constance Mundell
4	Roy Francis Bergeron	Rosario and Constance Terault
6	Jeffrey Earl Fay	Earl Raymond and Nancy Ann Sanders
9	Carla Amelia Neggers	Leonardus Christianus and Mildred Florine Harrell
12	Lori Ann Fay	Robert Lehman and Beverly Ann Strange
20	Clifford Charles McLean	Charles Franklin and Mariettta Elizabeth Atwood
22	Stuart Earle Pinard	Robert David and Janis Elizabeth Rowe
26	Lorena Alice Crimmins	Stephen F. and Josephine Sawicki
28	Anita Ellen Smith	Robert A. and Lois Chadbourne
31	David Leslie Dzuris, Jr.	David Leslie and Shirley Mae Tack

September

1	Glenn Alan Colty	Roger William and Catherine Lillian King
9	Carlene Joyce Okula	Carl and Jean Kos
10	Jonathan Stanley Sears	Andrew Theodore and Victoria Theresa Karczmarczyk
14	Paul Alcide Wood	Fred Harry and Doris Thibodeau
14	Peter Everett Wood	Fred Harry and Doris Thibodeau
16	Debra Jean Trudell	George William and Yvette Bergeron

October

9	Kenneth Milton Varzeas	Amilcar and Nancy Ann Kimball
10	Darlyne Gayle White	Lyle Nathan and Helen Beatrice Putnam
18	Roger Kim Phaneuf	Roger Louis and Jeannette Belle Rhodes
20	Mary Lillian Rush	John Alfred and Dorothy May Bassett
22	Jeffrey Craig Keller	Armand Leonard and Suzanne Elizabeth Piper
23	Michael Ralph Brougham	Harry Leroy and Rita May Dugre
25	Budreau	Ralph Charles and Eleanor Ann Rufo
25	Russell Alan Ritter	Henry R. and Edna Davignon
29	Stephen Ralph Pittsley	Ralph Francis and Nellie Faye Black

November

2	Barbara Ellen Nolan	James Francis, Jr., and Marion Leora Hatch
20	Cynthia Lynn Mather	Edward Eldon and Charlotte Whetstone

December

1 Norma Jean Cook
Raymond Albert and Patricia Marie Berry

9 Donna Marie Pranes James Edward and Juanita Nartoff

MARRIAGES RECORDED 1955

December, 1954

30 Ralph Francis Pittsley, Belchertown
Nellie Fay Black, Belchertown

January, 1955

2 William Scott Cordner, Belchertown
Emily Anastasia Lewis, Framingham

February

5 James Edward Pranes, Belchertown
Juanita Elizabeth Nartoff, Belchertown

9 Harold Wayne Owens, Walhalla, S. C.
Blanche Alene Horr, Belchertown

12 Francis Donald Arsenault, South Hadley
Lorraine Alma Lussier, Belchertown

19 George Archie Boisvert, Granby
Lorraine Marie Moffett, Belchertown

March

10 Edward Walter Quinn, Belchertown
Catherine Marie Dunn, Belchertown

18 Robert Dorman Camp, Jr., Belchertown
Clarice Rita Croto, Hazardville, Conn.

22 Douglas Russell Bradway, Springfield
Alice Anne Witt, Belchertown

April

16 Benjamin Hugh Petfield, Belchertown
Nannie Crown Howard Berger, Belchertown

May

7 Armand Lawrence Boudreau, Belchertown
Laurette Jean Bolduc Robert, Chicopee

21 Elwin Jardine, Pelham
Anna Wolowicz, Granby

22 Richard Joseph Sicard, Granby
Emma Gertrude Ewell, Granby

29 Stanley Peter Kawalec, Belchertown
Caroline Ann Borowiecka, Holyoke

June

5 Melvin David Small, Belchertown
Sarah Mandell, Springfield

18 Donald Lewis Forgue, Belchertown
Dolores Ann Banazul, Springfield

25 Francis Paul Loftus, Belchertown
Bertha Mabel Wilder, Ware

July

9 Frank Edwin Towne, Belchertown
Priscilla Lou Chapman, Belchertown

11 Edward Adolph Kos, Belchertown
Frances A. Kapinos Kupiec, Ludlow

14 Walter Belanger, Springfield
Rita Bouchard, Belchertown

16 James Nelson Horr, Amherst
Mary Elizabeth Schlagenhaft, Belchertown

23 Walter Stanley Slupnicki, Springfield
Statia Elizabeth Romaniak, Belchertown

25 David Edmund Fournier, Sr., Belchertown
Flora May Goyette Pacquette, Northampton

30 Andrew Plouf, Belchertown
Loret Goulet Gancarz, Holyoke

30 Andrew Joseph Campbell, Holyoke
Nora Beatrice Miller, Belchertown

August

6 Romaine Henry Berger, Jr., Belchertown
Marilyn Gail Bullough, South Hadley

20 Earl Albert Rhodes, Belchertown
Anna Harriet Marble Walsh, Belchertown

20 Joseph Peter Cacciapaglia, Holyoke
Betty Mary Snow, Belchertown

20 Andrew Warren-Hervieux, Belchertown
Mary Constance Corigliana, Springfield

September

3 Edward Eugene Lajoie, Belchertown
Pauline Margarite Ains Chaput, Belchertown

3 Donald Ernest Lepine, Belchertown
Beverly Ann Shaffer, Belchertown

5 William Ronald Cote, Belchertown
Anna Veronica Schweickert, Holyoke

16 Kenneth Lounsbury Collard, Belchertown
Rachel Emma Fuller Fiege, Belchertown

24 Leo Donald Charron, Chicopee
Evelyn Ann Gordon, Belchertown

24 Melvin Robert Schmidt, Manchester, Conn.
Shirley Louise Snow, Belchertown

October

1 George Francis Moriarty, Holyoke
Alice Marie Doubleday, Belchertown

8 Louis Zglobicki, Ludlow
Josephine Mary Jusko, Belchertown

22 Richard Joseph Rufo, Belchertown
Loretta Mae Smith, Belchertown

November

26 Donald Lewis Gathro, Palmer
Mary Theresa Keyes, Belchertown

26 John Gene Trudell, Springfield
Mary Olive Trombley, Belchertown

December

3 Robert Wallace Chevalier, Belchertown
Nancy Edith Booth, Belchertown

DEATHS RECORDED 1955

Date	Name and Place of Death	Age yrs.	mos.	dys.
December, 1954				
14	Gerald D. Lapolice, Holyoke	73		
25	Margaret Hales, Ware	78	4	24
28	Morey, Holyoke			2
30	Eldora Winter Sessions, Springfield	66	11	28
January, 1955				
22	Jennie Halsted Chamberlain, Ware	65	3	9
February				
8	Robert Russell Copithorne, Ware	17	2	3
19	Judith Ann Kreatz, Belchertown	8	5	21
21	Leo Charles Desaulniers, Belchertown	33	10	6
22	Elsie Mabel Thresher, Belchertown	62	3	7
March				
4	Samuel Bolduc, Holyoke	58	2	5
16	Frank Dzwonkoski, Belchertown	68	6	
18	Edward B. Thorne, Northampton	72	5	16
24	Martha Irene Egan LaBroad, Ware	64	4	
30	Gertrude Murphy, Belchertown	55	3	23
April				
27	James R. Lemon, Holyoke	64	3	23

June				
7	Catherine A. Sullivan, Belchertown	81	2	14
14	Lewis H. Lyon, Ludlow	71	7	29
July				
8	Clifford Kingsley Rawson, Brattleboro, Vt.	61		
9	Marie Antoinette Hogan, Belchertown	60		
12	Frank Alexis Tarrant, Northampton	70		24
15	Effie Witt Shores, Belchertown	66	1	29
21	Arthur L. Shumway, Belchertown	63	8	29
22	Catherine Leary Lapolice, Holyoke	67	3	26
23	Leslie Moore, Belchertown	51	3	7
23	Lizzie Eunice Barlow Hunter, Ware	90	8	22
August				
5	Frederick Gura, Belchertown	31	1	25
September				
16	Elizabeth Dale Aldrich, Amherst	81		3
22	Jacqueline Louise Kimball, Belchertown	18	9	7
29	Adeline R. Choiniere Creighton, Westfield	47	1	29
October				
3	Clifton Cave, Belchertown	33	2	14
13	Peter F. Shea, Palmer	69	5	
13	Edith Tetreault Fournier, Holyoke	71		
November				
10	Theron V. Pratt, Boston	64	5	
22	Kathleen B. Shea, Belchertown	8	2	4
27	Clara Ida Wittenauer, Belchertown	46	8	4
28	Albina Cecelia Deslautie Blanan, Belchertown	67	11	21
December				
11	Eleanor A. Salatas, Keene, N. H.	31		
16	Catherine A. Moynihan Landers, Palmer	75		
19	Patrick H. Landers, Palmer	78	2	29
26	William Benjamin Ballou, Belchertown	87	10	24
27	Ann Marie Kohler, Belchertown	6	9	15

Minutes of Town Meetings

ARTICLES IN WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING FEBRUARY 7 and 14, 1955

Art. 1. To choose the following named officers by nomination: two Almoners of the Whiting Street and the Mrs. Susan M. D. Bridgman Funds, each for one year; one trustee of the Calvin Bridgman Fund for three years.

Art. 2. To hear the reports of the officers of the town and of any committees that may have been appointed by the town and act thereon.

Art. 3. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as shall be deemed necessary to defray the expenses listed in the Finance Committee report for the current financial year and act thereon.

Art. 4. To see if the town will vote to give to Clapp Memorial Library the balance of the dog license fund after damages are paid, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 5. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 81 Highways, or take any action in relation thereto.

Art. 6. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a a sum of money for Chapter 90 Highway Construction, on Chauncey D. Walker Street (Route 21), or take any action in relation thereto.

Art. 7. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 90 Maintenance, or take any action in relation thereto.

Art. 8. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from the Road Machinery Earnings Account the sum of $4,000.00 to the Road Machinery Expense Account, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 9. To see if the town will authorize the payment of $325.00 for the salaries of the School Commitee for the ensuing year, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 10. To see if the town will vote to allow the Cemetery Commissioners to appoint themselves to work in the cemeteries at a rate not to exceed $1.00 per hour for the year 1955, as provided for in the General Laws, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 11. To see if the town will vote to authorize the payment of $200 for salaries of the Sewer Commissioners for the year ensuing, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 12. To see if the town will vote to allow the Sewer Commissioners to appoint themselves to work on the town sewer system at a rate not to exceed $1.50 per hour for the year 1955, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 13. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of revenue of the municipal year beginning January 1, 1955, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 14. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from the Insurance Reserve Account the sum of $913.30 to the Insurance Account, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 15. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the War Memorial Fund, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 16. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the surfacing of Poole Road, a public way, said surfacing to start at the junction of Bay and Poole Roads, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 17. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the widening and surfacing of a section of George Hannum Street, a public way, said section to start at the West end of the existing surfaced area, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 18. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Moderator to appoint a Town History Committee, for the purpose of research, compilation, editing and publication of the History of Belchertown, and that an initial sum of money be appropriated for that purpose, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 19. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the improvement and equipment of the Landers Playground, so-called, and that portion of the present school grounds adjacent to said Landers Playground, all being property of the town of Belchertown, at the Franklin School in Belchertown, said sum of money to be expended under the direction of a committee to be appointed by the Moderator; one of whom shall be a member of the Board of Selectmen, one member of the School Committee, and one member at large, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 20. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums for bills incurred in 1954:

City of Springfield, Mass., Vocational Education	$963.03
Nelson J. Hill, Police	34.90

Art. 21. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell or trade a 1947 Brockway 3-ton dump truck, as is, and to use the proceeds toward the purchase of a new dump truck; and further that a sum of money from the Road Machinery Earnings Account be made available to pay a part of the balance on such a

purchase, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 22. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to pay the balance on the purchase of a new truck, as described under the preceding article, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 23. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to remove the Town Honor Roll, now located on the Memorial Hall lawn. The name-cards enclosed therein to be turned over to the Belchertown Historical Association or other organization, all other salvage materials to be turned over to the local veterans organization; or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 24. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to appoint a committee of three non-veterans, said committee to work with a veterans committee as appointed by the Chauncey D. Walker Post No. 239, American Legion. The combined committees to study and investigate the facts pertinent to the establishment, purchase or construction of a permanent War Memorial for the Town of Belchertown. Said combined committees to report their findings at any town meeting that may be called during the year 1955, but not later than the next annual town meeting, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 25. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to improve Cold Spring Road, a public way, starting at the junction of Cold Spring and M. Sears Road, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 26. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money, for the location and construction of a sidewalk, on that part of North Washington Street, as herein described: Commencing on the westerly side of said street at a point approximately opposite the end of the present sidewalk, on the easterly side of this street, in front of the residence of Thomas E. Hanifin and continuing along said street to the intersection of Old Springfield Road and North Washington Street, thence along North Washington Street to a point at or near the adjoining property line of Raymond F. Phaneuf and John J. Midura, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 27. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury, a sum of money for the Elementary School Building Account, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 28. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to purchase and install a two-way radio system for the use of the Belchertown Police, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 29. To see if the town will authorize and direct its Board of Selectmen to sell and convey in its name and behalf the Lake Vale School-house Lot, so-called, being the same conveyed to the town by deed of Jonathan Wales and Stillman F. Weston, dated January 22, 1872, and recorded in Hampshire Registry of Deeds Book 305, Page 350, to the owners of real estate adjoining said school-house lot, for the sum of Fifty ($50.00) Dollars, or act otherwise thereon.

Art. 30. To see if the town will vote to accept from Catherine S. Chadbourne a newly laid out street known as Lloyd Avenue, extending from No. Main Street, easterly, a distance of six hundred and ninety (690) feet, and fifty feet wide. Also Chadbourne Road, a newly laid out street, extending northerly from Lloyd Avenue, a distance of four hundred and thirty (430) feet, and fifty (50) feet wide, to Sargent Street, as shown on a layout plan by Chester Hussey and Aubrey Lapolice, dated May, 1954, and recorded in Hampshire County Registry of Deeds, Northampton, Massachusetts, and on file with the Town Clerk of the Town of Belchertown, and further that these streets shall be accepted as public town highways and officially designated as Lloyd Avenue and Chadbourne Road as presently named, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 31. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for repairs on roof of the Clapp Memorial Library, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 32. To see if the town will vote to appropriate an amount as recommended by the Finance Committee from Surplus Revenue to be used by the Assessors in establishing the tax rate for 1955, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 33. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one on the Town Hall, one at Lawrence Memorial Hall, one at Union School at Dwight, and one at Keyes' Hotel at South Belchertown, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at or before the time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this twentieth day of January, 1955.

ROBERT D. CAMP, SR.
JOHN W. AVERY
CHARLES F. AUSTIN
Selectmen of Belchertown

ACTION TAKEN UNDER ARTICLES IN WARRANT FOR ANNUAL MEETING FEBRUARY 14, 1955

Meeting called to order by Moderator Lewis H. Blackmer at 7.30 P. M. in Lawrence Memorial Hall. Voted to waive reading of warrant. Prayer was offered by Rev. Wayne Underhill.

Art. 1. Mrs. Sophia M. Pero and Mrs Ruth B. Fuller elected as almoners of the Whiting Street and Mrs. Susan M. D. Bridgman Funds for one year. D. Donald Hazen elected as Trustee of the Calvin Bridgman Fund for three years.

Art. 2. Voted to accept the reports of the officers and committees of the Town as printed in the Town Report with the exception of the report of the Finance Committee.

Art. 3. Voted: That the report of the Finance Committee be considered, and that each item in the report be accepted as a written motion as required by the Town by-laws. Voted to appropriate for the following accounts the amounts indicated:

Account	Amount
Selectmen, Chairman	$325.00
Clerk	275.00
Other Member	275.00
Expenses	200.00
Town Accountant, Salary	650.00
Expenses	50.00
Treasurer, Salary	1,200.00
Expenses	550.00
Town Collector, Salary	1,500.00
Expenses	765.00
Town Clerk, Salary	800.00
Expenses	250.00
Assessors, Chairman	400.00
Other Member	300.00
Other Member	300.00

Expenses	500.00
Election and Registration	650.00
Certification of Notes	10.00
Law	250.00
Town Hall	600.00
Lawrence Memorial Hall	400.00
American Legion Headquarters	350.00
Police	2,600.00
Fire Department	2,850.00
Forest Fires	1,500.00
Hydrant Service	1,500.00
Moth Suppression	800.00
Dutch Elm Disease	1,000.00
Tree Warden	1,200.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures	100.00
Inspector of Wires (salary)	150.00
Cleaning & Repairing Water Holes	300.00
Health	1,000.00
Sewers—Maintenance	3,600.00
Highways—Snow	3,500.00
Highways—Streets	2,295.00
Highways—Sidewalks	100.00
Highways—Bridges	1,500.00
Street Lights	3,079.00
Public Welfare—General Relief	1,000.00
Salaries—Chairman	175.00
Other member	125.00
Other member	125.00
Belchertown-Granby Welfare District:	
Town Appropriation	1,581.82
Transferred from Federal Grants:	
Disability Assistance	4.10
Aid Dependent Children	2.27
Old Age Assistance	286.81

Veterans' Aid		1,500.00
Old Age Assistance		37,000.00
Aid to Dependent Children		2,500.00
Disability Assistance		2,500.00
Schools	$173,924.00	
Vocational Education	2,000.00	175,924.00
Parsons Recreation Field		300.00
Clapp Memorial Library		700.00
Cemeteries		1,200.00
Soldiers' Graves		250.00
Unclassified		700.00
Reserve Fund		3,500.00 from Overlay Reserve
Memorial Day		200.00
Veterans Day		60.00
Honor Roll		20.00
Insurance		7,000.00
Interest		8,763.00
Town Clock		100.00
Public Dump		325.00
Belchertown Common		150.00
Photostats of Discharges		25.00
Summer Recreation Program		725.00
Civil Defense		1,200.00
Retirement Payments		964.05
Maturing Debt		26,000.00

Art. 4. Voted to give Clapp Memorial Library the balance of the dog license fund after damages are paid.

Art. 5. Voted: That the sum of $4,120.00 be raised and appropriated to meet the Town's share of the cost of Chapter 81 Highways, and that in addition the sum of $28,325.00 be transferred from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury to meet the State's share of the cost of the work, the reimbursements from the State to be restored, upon their receipt, to unappropriated funds in the Treasury.

Art. 6. Voted: That the sum of $3,000.00 be raised and appropriated to meet the Town's share of the cost of Chapter 90 Highway construction on Chauncey Walker Street, Route 21, and that in addition, the sum of $9,000.00 be transferred from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury to meet the State's and County's shares of the cost of the work, the reimbursements from the State and County to be restored, upon their receipt, to the unappropriated available funds in the Treasury.

Art. 7. Voted: That the sum of $1,000.00 be raised and appropriated to meet the Town's share of the cost of Chapter 90 maintenance, and that in addition, the sum of $4,000.00 be transferred from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury to meet the State's and County's shares of the cost of the work, the reimbursements from the State and County to be restored upon their receipt to unappropriated available funds in the Treasury.

Art. 8. Voted: That the Town appropriate from the Road Machinery Earnings Account the sum of $4,000.00 to the Road Machinery Expense Account.

Art. 9. Voted: That the Town authorize the payment of $325.00 for the salaries of the School Committee for the year ensuing.

Art. 10. Voted: That the Town allow the Cemetery Commissioners to appoint themselves to work in the cemeteries at a rate not to exceed $1.00 per hour for the year 1955, as provided in the General Laws.

Art. 11. Voted: That the Town authorize the payment of $200.00 for the salaries of the Sewer Commissioners for the year ensuing.

Art. 12. Voted: That the Town allow the Sewer Commissioners to appoint themselves to work on the Town Sewer system at a rate not to exceed $1.50 per hour for the year 1955.

Art. 13. Voted: That the Town authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time, in anticipation of revenue of the municipal year beginning January

1, 1955, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given, for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, of the General Laws. Vote was unanimous.

Art. 14. Voted: That the Town appropriate from the Insurance Reserve Account the sum of $913.30 to the Insurance Account.

Art. 15. Voted: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $500.00 for the War Memorial Fund.

Art. 16. Voted: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $400.00 for the surfacing of Poole Road.

Art. 17. Voted: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $1,000.00 for the widening and surfacing of a section of George Hannum Street, starting at the west end of the existing surfaced area.

Art. 18. Voted: That the Town authorize the Moderator to appoint a Town History Commitee consising of five members, for the purpose of research, compilation, editing and publication of the History of Belchertown, and that the sum of $200.00 be appropriated for the use of the Committee in carrying out its objectives.

Art. 19. Voted: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $500.00 for the improvement and equipment of the Landers playground, so-called, and that portion of the present school grounds adjacent to said Landers playground, all being the property of the Town of Belchertown at the Franklin School in Belchertown, said money to be expended under the direction of a committee to be appointed by the Moderator; one of whom shall be a member of the Board of Selectmen, one a member of the School Committee, and one member at large.

Art. 20. Voted: That the Town raise and appropriate the following sums for bills incurred in 1954: City of Springfield, Vocational Education, $963.03; Nelson J. Hill, Police, $34.90. Vote was unanimous.

Art. 21. Voted: That the Town authorize the Selectmen to sell or trade a 1947 Brockway 3 ton truck, as is, and to use the proceeds toward the purchase of a new dump truck; and further that the sum of $2,700.00 be appropriated from the Road Machinery Earnings Reserve Account to pay a part of the balance due on such purchase.

Art. 22. Voted: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $2,000.00 to pay the balance on the purchase of a new dump truck as described in Article 21.

Art. 23. Voted: That the Town instruct the Selectmen to remove the Town Honor Roll, now located on Memorial Hall lawn, and that the name cards on said Honor Roll be turned over to the Belchertown Historical Association, and that all other materials be turned over to the American Legion Post No. 239.

Art. 24. Voted: That the Town instruct the Selectmen to appoint a commitee of three non-veterans, said committee to work with a committee of veterans as appointed by Post No. 239 American Legion; the combined committee to study and investigate the facts pertinent to the establishment, purchase or construction of a permanent War Memorial for the Town of Belchertown. The combined committees to report their findings at any Town Meeting that may be called during the year 1955, but not later than the next Annual Town Meeting.

Art. 25. Voted: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $1,000.00 to improve Cold Spring Road, starting at the junction of Cold Spring and M. Sears Road.

Art. 26. Voted: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $850.00 for the location and construction of a sidewalk, on a part of North Washington Street, as herein described: Commencing on the westerly side of said street at a point approximately opposite the end of the present sidewalk, located on the easterly side of this street in front of the residence of Thomas E. Hanifin and continuing along said street to the intersection of Old Springfield Road and North Washington Street to a point halfway between the starting point and the adjoining property line of R. F. Phaneuf and J. J. Midura, a distance of approximately 750 feet.

Art. 27. Voted Indefinite Postponement.

Art. 28. Voted: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $1,000.00 to purchase and install a two-way radio system for the use of the Belchertown Police.

Art. 29. Voted: That the Town authorize and direct its Board of Selectmen to sell and convey in its name and behalf the Lake Vale school house lot, so-called, being the same conveyed to the Town by deed of Jonathan Wales and Stillman F. Weston, dated January 22, 1872, and recorded in Hampshire Registry of Deeds, Book 305, Page 350, to the owners of the real estate adjoining said school house lot for the sum of $50.00.

Art. 30. Voted: That the Town accept, with the approval of the Town Planning Board, from Catherine S. Chadbourne a newly laid out street known as Lloyd Avenue, extending from North Main Street, easterly, a distance of six hundred and ninety (690) feet, and fifty (50) feet wide. Also Chadbourne Road, a newly laid out street, extending northerly from Llyod Avenue, a distance of four hundred and thirty (430) feet and fifty (50) feet wide, to Sargent Street, as shown on a layout plan by Chester Hussey and Aubrey Lapolice, dated May, 1954, and recorded in Hampshire County Registry of Deeds, Northampton, Mass., and on file with the Town Clerk, of the Town of Belchertown, and further that these streets shall be accepted as public town highways and officially designated as Lloyd Avenue and Chadbourne Road as presently named.

Art. 31. Voted: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $700.00 for repairs on the roof of the Clapp Memorial Library.

Art. 32. Voted: That the Town appropriate the sum of $35,000.00 as recommended by the Finance Committee from Surplus Revenue, to be used by the Assessors in establishing the Tax Rate for 1955.

Art. 33. The Selectmen announced the appointments of Sidney W. Wheeler and Stanford J. Harrington to the Finance Committee for terms of three years each.

Voted to adjourn at 9.37 o'clock P. M.

APPENDIX

ANNUAL ELECTION FEBRUARY 7, 1955

Polls were opened at 9 o'clock A. M. and closed at 7 o'clock P. M. at Lawrence Memorial Hall for Precinct A, and at Frankiln School for Precinct B. Ballots were counted and declared as follows:

Office	Candidate	Votes	Votes	Votes
		Precinct A	B	Tot.
Moderator for one year	Lewis H. Blackmer	528	110	638
Town Clerk for one year	William E. Shaw	529	114	643
Town Treasurer for one year	William E. Shaw	528	112	640
Selectman for three years	Charles F. Austin	501	98	599
	Joseph B. Keefe	90	31	121
School Committee for 3 years	Fanny G. Morey	340	26	366
	Ann M. Austin	253	112	365
Cemetery Commissioner, 3 yrs.	Lincoln A. Cook	538	106	644
Collector of Taxes for 3 years	William E. Shaw	521	112	633
Planning Board for 5 years	R. D. N. Dickinson	512	101	613
Assessor for 3 years	George E. Booth	535	107	642
Sewer Commissioner, 3 years	Ella A. Stebbins	530	103	633
Tree Warden, 1 year	Edward B. Conkey	536	111	647
Constables, 1 year	Wallace F. Chevalier	336	79	415
	Ernest M. Gay	466	88	554
	Nelson J. Hill	503	97	600
	Andrew T. Sears	490	100	590
	James B. Baker	281	47	328
	Ches. F. Dzwonkoski	227	82	309
	Frank P. Loftus	354	87	441

Total vote cast: Precinct A 600, Precinct B 143, Total 743

Total Registrations:

	Precinct A			Precinct B			
	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total	Town Total
	643	630	1273	133	127	260	1533
Registered Democrats	60	46	106	39	38	77	183
Registered Republicans	241	216	457	16	15	31	488

APPENDIX

Itemized Report of Receipts and Expenditures

RECEIPTS

GENERAL REVENUE

Taxes, William E. Shaw and Robert D. Camp, Sr., Tax Coll.		
Levy of 1952 Personal	$22.63	
Levy of 1953 Personal	3,143.63	
Levy of 1953 Real Estate	3,151.85	
Levy of 1954 Poll	10.00	
Levy of 1954 Personal	4,375.04	
Levy of 1954 Real Estate	14,305.34	
Levy of 1955 Poll	1,740.00	
Levy of 1955 Personal	25,758.58	
Levy of 1955 Real Estate	118,568.16	
Levy of 1953 Motor Vehicle	298.78	
Levy of 1954 Motor Vehicle	2,394.09	
Levy of 1955 Motor Vehicle	27,230.88	200,998.98
Commonwealth of Massachusetts		
Income Tax, School Aid	15,944.42	
Corporation Tax, Business	8,121.49	
Income Tax	5,679.80	
Meals Tax, O. A. A.	1,198.56	
School Aid	18,000.00	
Livestock Control	100.00	
Tuition of State Wards	6,033.38	
Transportation of State Wards	1,791.19	
Tuition of Children	2.68	
New School Bldg. Assistance	11,375.00	
Lieu of Taxes, M. D. C.	2,232.32	
Reimbursement for Loss of Taxes	3,623.82	
School Education and Transportation	25,290.65	

Vocational Education	3,290.57	
School Superintendent	3,333.33	
Highways	22,558.60	
Health	15.00	
Temporary Aid and Transportation	132.62	
Smith-Hughes, George Barden Fund	200.00	128,923.43
County of Hampshire		
Dog Licenses	752.29	
Highways	999.86	
Dog Officer Fees	199.50	1,951.65
Fines and Forfeits		
Court Fines	32.35	
Damage to Highway Posts	123.00	
Water Liens	302.66	
Water Charges	24.33	482.34
Liquor and Beer Licenses	2,405.00	
Business Licenses and Permits	316.00	2,721.00
Grants and Gifts		
From Fed. Gov't for O. A. A.	19,390.77	
From Fed. Gov't for Dis. A.	1,247.00	
From Fed. Gov't for A. D. C.	726.70	
Old Age Assistance, Adm.	191.54	
Dis. Assistance, Adm.	10.21	
Aid Dependent Children, Adm.	4.48	
Nellie H. Brown Estate (Mt. Hope Cemetery)	1,000.00	22,570.70
Total for General Revenue		$357,648.10
COMMERCIAL REVENUE		
Rent, Memorial Hall	131.00	
Rent of Driveway	10.00	
Rent of Common	200.00	
Sewer Rentals	4,097.83	
School Lunch Project	21,362.05	
Highways Machinery Fund	9,310.21	
Care of Cemetery Lots	17.00	
Telephone Tolls	3.25	
Wiring Inspector's Fees	60.00	
Pole Location Order	10.00	

Tax Lien Certificate	2.00	
Sale of Lake Vale School Lot	50.00	
Sealer of Wgts. & Measures Fees	46.50	
Tuition from Town of Granby	155.00	35,454.84
Reimbursements—Charities		
Public Welfare		
Cities and Towns	24.57	
Disability Assistance		
Com. of Mass., Aid	1,265.36	
Aid to Dependent Children		
Com. of Mass., Aid	584.22	
Old Age Assistance		
Com. of Mass., Aid	23,071.94	
Cities and Towns	1,165.37	
Veterans Services		
Com. of Mass.	821.34	
Highways		
Individuals	33.00	26,965.80
INTEREST		
Interest on Deferred Taxes	886.73	
Amherst Savings Bank		
Cemetery Perpetual Care	300.00	
Susan M. D. Bridgman Poor Fund	385.00	
Bridgman Library Fund	300.00	
Willard Stebbins Cem. Fence Fund	3,474.00	5,345.73
AGENCY, TRUST AND INVESTMENT		
High School Atheltic Fund	253.65	
Town Clerk, Dog Licenses	1,222.20	
Withholding Taxes, Sundry Persons	18,688.79	
Insurance Reserve	787.31	
Hampshire County Retirement	1,503.51	
Blue Cross	1,504.35	
Health Insurance	791.52	
Walter Pratt, Trust Acct.	35.00	
Cemetery Perpetual Care Bequests		
Joseph Kempkes, care Kempkes Lot	100.00	
Caroline Holland, care Holland Lot	100.00	
Carrie McLaughlin Estate	500.00	

Cemetery Perpetual Care		
Palmer National Bank	3,369.37	
Sporting Licenses, Town Clerk	1,647.50	
Fees (Town Clerk, Collector, Licenses, etc.)	1,255.29	31,758.49
REFUNDS AND TRANSFERS		
Treas. of U. S. Army Engineers (Flood)	23,444.40	
Old Age Assistance Refunds	148.40	
Insurance Premiums	11.93	
Interest Refund (Palmer Nat'l Bank)	40.00	
Town Hall Refund	8.80	
Chap. 90, Const. Refund	7.50	
Landers Playground Refund	22.75	
School Refund	3.14	
Flood Relief	.50	
Aid Dependent Children Refund	23.05	
Bel.-Granby Welfare Dist. Refund	29.97	23,740.44
Total Receipts through December 31, 1955		$480,913.40
Cash on hand January 1, 1955		171,288.74
Audit Adjustments		311.93
		$652,514.07

EXPENDITURES

GENERAL GOVERNMENT		
Selectmen, Salaries		
John Avery	$325.00	
Robert D. Camp, Sr.	206.25	
Charles F. Austin	275.00	806.25
Expenses		
Mass. Selectmen's Assn., dues	25.00	
Hampshire County Selectmen's Assn.	6.00	
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	42.00	
Commonwealth of Mass.	2.80	
Hobbs & Warren	14.72	
Doris Squires, clerical	4.00	
The Lawyers Corp. Publishing Co.	30.00	

Lewis Blackmer	6.43	
Postage	2.24	
Transportation	5.00	
Robert Camp, Sr., expense during flood	25.00	
John Avery, expense during flood	25.00	
Miscellaneous	9.97	198.16
Town Accountant		
Eleanor Sporbert, salary		650.00
Expenses		
Lewis Blackmer, printing	29.50	
Doris Squires, clerical	2.50	
Jackson's Store	1.75	
Commonwealth of Mass.	10.87	
Postage and Paper	4.37	48.99
Tax Collector		
William E. Shaw, salary	1,250.00	
Robert D. Camp, Sr., salary	250.00	1,500.00
Expenses		
Doris Squires, clerical	205.30	
Jackson's Store	1.40	
Florence Crowe, clerical	2.50	
Mass. Coll. & Treas. Assn., dues	2.00	
Bell & Hudson, bonding	229.25	
A. J. Hastings	13.03	
Robert D. Camp, Sr.	74.00	
Postage	155.00	
Forbes, Snyder Co.	12.02	
Lewis Blackmer	100.95	
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	1.30	
Hobbs & Warren	32.75	
Raymond A. Warner	4.00	833.50
Town Treasurer		
William E. Shaw, salary	1,000.00	
Robert D. Camp, Sr., salary	200.00	1,200.00
Expenses		
Doris Squires, clerical	197.50	
Bell & Hudson, bonding	168.25	
Mass. Coll. & Treas. Assn., dues	2.00	
Hobbs & Warren	8.72	
Postage	56.45	

Robert D. Camp, Sr.	6.72	
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	24.59	
Palmer Register	2.90	
Jackson's Store	1.00	
Lewis Blackmer	66.78	534.91
Town Clerk		
William E. Shaw, salary	666.66	
Robert D. Camp, Sr., salary	133.34	800.00
Expenses		
Bell & Hudson, bonding	7.50	
William E. Shaw, recording fees	169.00	
Doris Squires, clerical	46.16	
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	10.90	
Lewis Blackmer	1.50	
Raymond A. Warner	2.00	
Jackson's Store	.94	
Forbes, Snyder	4.50	
Mass. Town Clerks' Assn., dues	7.50	250.00
Assessors		
William Kimball, Jr., salary	400.00	
George E. Booth, salary	300.00	
Donald E. Kenyon, salary	175.00	
William Aldrich, salary	125.00	1,000.00
Expenses		
Mass. Assessors Assn., dues	9.00	
Doris Squires, clerical	221.00	
Florence Crowe, clerical	20.10	
Susan Menard, clerical	3.00	
Lewis Blackmer	16.65	
Stoneham Independent	1.00	
Forbes, Snyder	12.01	
Raymond A. Warner	100.11	
Hobbs & Warren	80.73	
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	21.40	
George E. Booth, car expenses	15.00	500.00
Election and Registration		
Registrars	45.90	
Doris Squires, clerical	65.00	
Election workers, sundry	174.25	
Catholic Women's Club	10.89	

Gay-Dee Snack Bar	6.95	
Hobbs & Warren	3.34	
Lewis Blackmer	31.90	
Street Listing		
Barbara Harrington	105.00	
Mildred Cole	100.00	
Minnie Flaherty	100.00	643.23
Law		
Morse & Morse		206.00
THE LAWRENCE MEMORIAL HALL		
Worcester County Electric Co.	82.10	
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	49.65	
Carpenter Mfg. Co.	9.79	
Grant & Son, repairs to roof	219.00	
A. J. Fournier, repairs	13.75	
Aubuchon's Hardware	4.59	378.88
TOWN HALL		
H. C. Sheaffer Co., Inc., repairs to roof	60.00	
Stanley Pietryka	10.00	
Allen & Shumway	57.93	
Worcester County Electric Co.	41.43	
Richo Products	13.53	
Carpenter Mfg. Co.	9.79	
Jackson's Store	.76	
Chadbourne's Petroleum Products	152.10	
Willard Young, labor building bleachers	25.00	
Gerald Tremaine, janitor services	82.35	452.89
AMERICAN LEGION HEADQUARTERS		
Vernon Lodge Building Assn., rent	345.00	
Worcester County Electric Co.	12.00	357.00
POLICE		
Clarence Hubbard, traffic officer	750.50	
Nelson J. Hill, chief	652.83	
Ernest Gay	488.89	
Andrew Sears, Jr.	307.41	
Francis P. Loftus	44.00	
Wallace Chevalier	121.75	
Albert Dudek, traffic officer, So. Belchertown	64.00	
Election Officers	26.50	

Chadbourne's Petrolenum Products	5.65	
Lewis Blackmer	9.10	
J. Raymond Gould	13.69	
Philorene Radio Com.	66.47	
New England Tel. & Tel.	.20	
Jackson's Store, batteries	4.05	
Thomas F. Kiely, court charges	29.66	2,584.70
FIRE DEPARTMENT		
Joseph Kempkes, Sr., salary	400.00	
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	228.75	
New England Fire Chiefs Assn., dues	3.00	
Fire Chiefs' Club of Mass., dues	5.00	
American-La France Foamite, hose	454.52	
Labor, sundry persons	62.25	
Chadbourne's Petroleum Products	332.03	
Sudbury Lavatory	12.25	
Zabek Motor Sales	824.65	
Allen & Shumway	46.50	
Hampshire County Red Cross	10.50	
H. E. Kimball & Sons	9.40	
Squires Garage	13.00	
Aubuchon's Hardware	9.73	
Worcester County Electric Co.	22.60	
J. Raymond Gould	150.52	
Aime Lapointe	3.00	
James R. Shea	183.29	
Ryther & Warren	41.35	
Lewis Blackmer	20.80	
Crystal Spring Dairy Bar	16.20	2,849.34
HYDRANT SERVICE		
Belchertown Water District		1,500.00
FOREST FIRES		
Joseph Kempkes, Sr., permits	207.80	
Services at Fires, sundry persons	574.31	
Zabek Motor Sales	63.30	
Chadbourne's Petroleum Products	174.32	
J. Raymond Gould	15.69	
Lewis Blackmer	16.00	
Worcester County Electric Co..	6.30	

New England Tel. & Tel.	129.40	
Aubuchon Hardware	2.08	
H. E. Kimball & Sons	3.60	
American-La France Foamite	274.03	
Squires Garage	15.50	
Allen & Shumway	3.00	
E. B. Atmus Co.	14.67	1,500.00
MOTH SUPPRESSION		
Northern Tree Expert Co.		800.00
TREE WARDEN		
Labor, sundry persons	452.30	
Northern Tree Expert Co.	738.00	1,190.30
DUTCH ELM DISEASE		
Labor, sundry persons	483.35	
Northern Tree Expert Co.	284.00	
Pioneer Valley Mist Spray	231.00	998.35
SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES		
R. C. Gay	95.00	
Hobbs & Warren	3.12	98.12
INSPECTOR OF WIRES		
Stanley Pietryka, salary		150.00
CIVIL DEFENSE		
Arlan Skinner, salary	180.00	
William Squires, Jr., salary	540.00	
New England Tel. & Tel.	97.92	
A. G. Market	14.64	
Philorene Radio Com.	7.62	
Commonwealth of Mass.	99.99	
Ryther & Warren	100.27	
Jackson's Store	.25	
Daniel Waters Co.	6.55	
Postage	8.50	
William Squires, Jr., auto expense during flood	8.00	
Ground Observer Corps		
H. E. Kimball & Sons, gas	29.50	
Worcester County Electric Co.	10.00	
John Avery, expense to Westover meeting	4.75	1,107.99

HEALTH

Dr. Francis Austin, inspector of animals	200.00	
Max Garber, services	300.00	
Doris Squires, clerical	95.00	
Clarence Hubbard, inspector of slaughtering	204.50	
Charlotte Ketchen, X-ray clinic	41.68	
Worcester County Electric Co.	5.00	
Lewis Blackmer	13.95	
Postage	15.37	
Mass. Surgical, Inc.	69.40	
New England Tel. & Tel.	7.80	
John Avery, expenses to Boston	5.60	
Clarice Camp, clerical	5.50	963.80

SEWERS—MAINTENANCE

Labor, sundry persons	323.40	
Hired Equipment	243.13	
Town Equipment	8.75	
Ryther & Warren	36.47	
Simplex Valve	6.73	
Aubuchon Hardware	2.40	
Allen & Shumway	27.13	
H. E. Kimball & Sons	39.95	
Belchertown State School, disposal	2,663.59	
Municipal Services, Inc.	17.31	
M. C. Baggs, salary	100.00	
D. Donald Hazen, salary	75.00	
Ella Stebbins, salary	25.00	3,568.86

HIGHWAYS—CHAPTER 81

Labor, sundry persons	12,330.25
Hired Equipment	5,600.06
Town Equipment	7,177.72
Insurance	720.39

Material

Asphalt Pavement Corp.	799.40
Chemical Corp.	785.04
New England Culvert Co.	612.79
Warner Bros.	516.50
Lane Construction Co.	7.20

E. F. Shumway	41.70	
Standard Sign & Signal Co.	15.45	
Koppers	2,899.40	
William Jurczyk	42.70	
Commonwealth of Mass.	66.00	
D. D. Ruxton	738.99	
Aime Lapointe	12.00	
Newway Express	2.20	
McMahan Bros., spraying	77.21	32,445.00

HIGHWAYS—CHAPTER 90—MAINTENANCE

Labor, sundry persons	502.77	
Insurance	28.62	
Asphalt Pavement Corp.	188.40	
John S. Lane	492.88	
Koppers	982.74	
Town Equipment	289.85	
Hired Equipment	363.60	
Amherst Road		
Labor, sundry persons	956.07	
Insurance	54.42	
Hired Equipment	134.00	
Town Equipment	446.00	
Asphalt Pavement Corp.	408.60	4,847.95

HIGHWAYS—CHAPTER 90—CONSTRUCTION

Labor, sundry persons	1,795.51	
Hired Equipment	3,536.70	
New England Metal Culvert	134.90	
John S. Lane	1,243.06	
Koppers	1,595.36	
Ryther & Warren	2.60	
Roy Reece Auto Body	15.00	
J. Russell & Co.	198.89	
Ingham Lumber Co.	44.32	
Asphalt Pavement	72.60	
M. C. Baggs	80.30	
Chadbourne's Petroleum Products	46.40	
Mike Kernicki	44.70	
George E. Booth	38.80	
Warner Bros.	860.10	9,709.24

HIGHWAYS—SNOW		
Labor, sundry persons	1,302.69	
Hired Equipment	511.38	
Town Equipment	674.00	
Warner Bros.	868.80	
Commonwealth of Mass.	111.81	
R. C. Gay, plowing sidewalks	24.00	3,492.68
HIGHWAYS—BRIDGES		
Labor, sundry persons	276.18	
Town Equipment	48.00	
Hired Equipment	46.00	
T. V. Pratt, lumber	186.80	
Cowls, lumber	376.50	
New England Culvert	382.20	1,315.68
HIGHWAYS—STREETS		
Labor, sundry persons	811.08	
Town Equipment	123.70	
Hired Equipment	74.10	
Collins Plumbing Supply Co.	55.01	
Panther Oil & Grease Mfg. Co.	74.82	
New England Metal Culvert Co.	73.13	1,211.84
HIGHWAYS—SIDEWALKS		
Labor, sundry persons	13.32	
Town Equipment	5.00	
Ryther & Warren	5.00	23.32
STREET LIGHTS		
Worcester County Electric Co.		2,813.58
WATER LIENS		
Belchertown Water District		326.99
ROAD MACHINERY EXPENSE		
Highways Supt. Assn., dues	2.00	
Labor, sundry persons	72.40	
Aubuchon Hardware	36.07	
Seyffer Motors	35.78	
Staab	179.68	
Perkins-Milton	776.21	
Engels Garage	129.83	

New England Tel. & Tel.	84.08	
J. Raymond Gould	26.70	
Worcester County Electric Co.	75.60	
Ryther & Warren	166.00	
Commonwealth of Mass.	68.50	
Squires Garage	8.75	
Springfield Trucks	24.64	
Goldstein & Gurwitz	8.31	
Reece Auto Body	29.00	
Valley Motor Sales	36.49	
J. Rusell & Co.	8.58	
Harris H. Powers	1.00	
Parker's Garage	19.15	
Belchertown Water District	21.60	
Socony-Vacuum	1,320.62	
Walsh Holyoke Fabricators, Inc.	43.20	
Allen & Shumway	11.00	
Chadbourne's Petroleum Products	598.00	
Belchertown Motor Sales	6.75	
Louis Walulek	8.50	
Eddie Robinson	7.50	
Auto Gear & Parts Co.	139.27	
Eastern Equipment Sales, Inc.	32.27	
Hired Equipment	18.90	3,996.38
GEORGE HANNUM ROAD		
Labor, sundry persons	130.42	
Aime Lapointe	26.60	
Town Equipment	61.50	
Hired Equipment	729.70	948.22
POOLE ROAD		
Labor, sundry persons	43.84	
Town Equipment	16.00	
Hired Equipment	11.25	
D. D. Ruxton	16.95	
Koppers	182.70	270.74
COLD SPRING ROAD		
Labor, sundry persons	211.10	
Town Equipment	140.25	
Hired Equipment	512.90	864.25

VETERANS' AID

Aid, sundry persons	1,078.34	
Fuel, sundry persons	70.50	
Medical, sundry persons	185.05	
Eleanor Sporbert, clerical	64.00	
New England Tel. & Tel.	4.15	
Postage and supplies	4.25	
Eleanor Sporbert, travel	10.36	
Lorraine Photo Studio	2.25	1,418.90

PUBLIC WELFARE—DISTRICT

Granby-Belchertown Welfare District		1,656.82

PUBLIC WELFARE

Salaries		
John Avery	125.00	
Charles Austin, Ch.	175.00	
Robert D. Camp, Sr.	93.75	393.75
Expenses		
Aid, sundry persons	59.51	
Wing Memorial Hospital	402.00	
City of Springfield	60.00	
Town of South Hadley	258.86	
City of Chicopee	113.19	
New England Tel. & Tel.	.45	
Dr. A. L. Clarke	31.50	
Dr. C. E. Joy	5.00	
Dr. Stephen Duval	17.00	
Dr. A. A. Coyne	6.00	953.51

DISABILITY ASSISTANCE—TOWN

Aid, sundry persons		1,911.87

AID DEPENDENT CHILDREN—TOWN

Aid, sundry persons		791.89

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE—TOWN

Aid, sundry persons	35,271.95	
Town of Ware	145.12	
Town of Amherst	314.59	
Town of Monson	86.23	
Town of Harvard	116.98	
City of Springfield	238.93	
City of Chicopee	12.88	36,186.68

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE—FEDERAL GRANTS

Aid, sundry persons		20,050.57

AID DEPENDENT CHILDREN—FEDERAL GRANTS

Aid, sundry persons		719.48

DISABILITY ASSISTANCE—FEDERAL GRANTS

Aid, sundry persons		1,206.76

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE—FED. GRANTS, ADM.

Belchertown-Granby Welfare District		286.81

AID DEPENDENT CHILDREN—FED. GRANTS, ADM.

Belchertown-Granby Welfare District		2.27

DISABILITY ASSISTANCE—FED. GRANTS, ADM.

Belchertown-Granby Welfare District		4.10

RELIEF FROM CHARITIES FUNDS

Susan M. D. Bridgman Poor Fund, sundry persons	550.00	
Calvin Bridgman Library Fund	300.00	850.00

NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BUILDING, BONDS

H. P. Cummings Construction Co.	16,935.95	
Bernhard Dirks	2,374.08	
Richard Lussier Excavating Co.	705.89	
Belchertown Water District	18.80	
Cascade Paper Co.	91.40	
Masury Young Co.	221.13	
Kelly The Florist	60.00	
J. L. Hammett Co.	10.63	
Warner Bros.	94.25	
Morandi-Proctor Co.	1,312.20	
Collins Electric Co.	493.34	
Thompson-Winchester Co.	15.61	
Holyoke Auction Co., Inc.	33.00	
Anderson & Sons	185.62	
George V. Corsiglia Co.	822.56	
Morse & Morse	85.00	
Ryther & Warren	181.80	
S. P. Poffer, Jr.	335.63	
Labor, sundry persons	430.67	24,407.56

NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

H. P. Cummings Construction Co.		8,548.35

NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ROAD ACCOUNT

Kenneth B. Clark	89.00	
Johnson Asbestos Co.	217.40	
R. C. Gay, express	7.50	
H. R. Prescott & Sons	177.85	
S. P. Puffer, Jr.	8,280.16	
Labor, sundry persons	28.00	8,799.91

NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL EQUIPMENT

Richo Products	44.35	
J. L. Hammett Co.	19.30	
The Spencer Tribune Co.	86.23	
S. P. Puffer, Jr.	59.19	
Standard Duplicating Machine Corp.	245.00	454.07

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

Transportation, sundry persons	1,126.90	
Tuition, cities and towns	3,604.08	4,730.98

HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC FUND

Referees, sundry persons	100.00	
Nelson J. Hill, policing	16.00	
Lafayette Ayers, transportation	75.00	
Gerald Tremaine, transportation	26.00	
Lewis Blackmer	3.00	
Village Laundry	3.54	
Horace Partridge, uniforms	37.92	
Nicks Sports Shop	22.55	
Nixon Co.	16.57	
Barry Reclaiming Co.	38.25	338.83

CLAPP MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Chadbourne's Petroleum Products	146.85	
Books and Magazines, sundry persons	332.59	
Worcester County Electric Co.	41.10	
Harold Suhm, repairs	125.00	
Bell & Hudson, insurance	41.04	
Robert Lindquist, labor	6.00	692.58

PARSONS FIELD

Labor, sundry persons	24.34	
Town Equipment	7.25	
Hired Equipment	25.50	
Worcester County Electric Co.	12.00	
Lafayette Ayers, repairs	151.00	
Aubuchon Hardware	32.29	
Mowing, sundry persons	150.00	402.38

SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM

Labor, sundry persons	20.78	
Vincent Messina, director	325.00	
Frances Smith, helper	75.00	
Mrs. Frederick Sheppard, swimming instructor	100.00	
W. T. Grant	6.22	
Ryther & Warren	1.25	
Magnus Brush & Craft	29.87	
F. W. Woolworth	4.70	
Johnson's Bookstore	8.22	
Bill Carroll Sporting Goods	21.25	
Belchertown Pharmacy	2.93	
William N. Webster	8.75	
Sue Pranaitis, use of boat for swimming	4.00	
Mr. Hervie Pepin, trophies	9.04	
New England Tel. & Tel.	.85	
Hired Equipment	1.20	
Town Equipment	2.50	621.56

INSURANCE

Bell & Hudson	5,581.06	
Anna R. Gold Agency	470.37	
Ralph Trombly	49.10	6,100.53

MEMORIAL DAY

Public School Band	100.00	
Lewis Blackmer, programs	3.95	
Belchertown Farms, drink	11.25	
Kelly The Florist, wreaths	12.00	
Elwyn Doubleday, speaker	10.00	
Jackson's Store, flags	33.00	
Belchertown Pharmacy, ice cream	16.20	186.40

VETERANS' DAY		
Public School Band	21.00	
Kelly The Florist, flowers	39.00	60.00
PHOTOSTATIC COPIES OF DISCHARGES		
Lorraine Photo Studios		6.00
TOWN CLOCK		
Frank Scialla		100.00
TOWN DUMP		
Robert Nutting, bulldoziing		151.00
TOWN COMMON		
Labor, sundry persons	52.30	
Worcester County Electric Co.	15.30	
Mowing, sundry persons	126.50	194.10
PLANNING BOARD		
Morse & Morse, legal advice	240.00	
The Springfield Business Service	47.65	287.65
UNCLASSIFIED		
Lewis Blackmer, printing Town Reports	558.00	
Eleanor Sporbert, preparing Town Report	96.60	
Jackson's Store	.76	655.36
CEMETERIES		
Charles Austin, labor	633.77	
Lincoln Cook, labor	490.50	
Belchertown Water District	12.00	
Hugh Hubbard, Jr., labor	8.00	
William McHaffie, labor	10.00	
Richard Cook, labor	9.50	
Robert Wilson, labor	12.25	
Ryther & Warren	15.98	
Belchertown Motor Sales	8.00	1,200.00
SOLDIERS' GRAVES		
Charles Austin, labor	128.14	
Lincoln Cook, labor	108.00	
Ryther & Warren	13.86	250.00

ADDITION TO MT. HOPE		
Peter Demetroupoulis, bulldozing	75.00	
Robert Nutting, bulldozing	19.20	94.20
WILLARD STEBBINS CEMETERY FENCE FUND		
Paul Rufo, contract		3,474.00
INVESTMENT NELLIE BROWN—MT. HOPE CEMETERY		
Ludlow Savings Bank		1,000.00
CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUND		
Ludlow Savings Bank		3,569.37
CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE—INCOME		
Charles Austin, labor	190.09	
Lincoln Cook, labor	26.00	
D. Donald Hazen, loam	16.00	
Ryther & Warren	22.40	254.49
TRUCK PURCHASE		
Springfield Trucks, Inc.		4,695.00
POLICE RADIO ACCOUNT		
Motorola	966.12	
Philorene Radio Com.	33.88	1,000.00
LANDERS PLAYGROUND		
Albert Dudek, clearing land	100.00	
Robert Nutting, bulldozing	560.00	660.00
LIBRARY ROOF		
Grant & Son, Inc., repairing roof		700.00
NORTH WASHINGTON SIDEWALK		
Aubrey Lapolice, surveying		29.00
1954 UNPAID BILLS		
City of Springfield, tuition	963.03	
Nelson J. Hill	34.90	997.93
ESTIMATED RECEIPTS		
John Keyes, refund on license		10.00
TRUST		
Hampshire County Retirement	1,503.51	
Washington Nat'l Insurance Co.	791.52	
Retirement Payments, Town	964.05	
Blue Cross	1,504.35	4,763.43

AGENCY		
Withholding Taxes, sundry persons		18,688.79
Commonwealth of Massachusetts State Parks and Reservations		521.91
County of Hampshire		
County Tax	11,591.32	
Dog Licenses	1,241.20	12,832.52
Dog Officer's Fees Wallace Chevalier, dog officer		257.50
Sporting Licenses		1,541.50
Dog License Fund Clapp Memorial Library		752.29
INVESTMENTS		
Investment War Memorial		500.00
REFUNDS AND TRANSFERS		
Sewer Rentals	15.00	
Motor Vehicle Excise, 1954	160.23	
Personal Taxes, 1955	10.50	
Real Estate Taxes, 1955	122.59	
Motor Vehicle Excise, 1955	1,408.73	1,717.05
CHILDREN'S BOARDING LICENSES		
Edith Hatheway		50.00
MATURING DEBT		
First National Bank of Boston	23,000.00	
Palmer National Bank	3,000.00	26,000.00
FLOOD		
Labor, sundry persons	6,230.91	
Hired Equipment	32,230.77	
Town Equipment	336.25	
Northern Tree Expert Co.	210.00	
Devon Lane Farm	102.22	
W. D. Cowls	256.00	
Chadbourne's Petroleum Products	61.65	
Warner Bros.	7,170.50	
Asphalt Pavement Corp.	334.20	
Eleanor Sporbert, clerical	25.80	

Doris Squires, clerical	63.00	
Materials, sundry persons	1,387.35	
New England Metal Culvert Co.	5,666.99	54,075.64

SCHOOLS

Teachers' Salaries, sundry persons	86,586.39	
Substitute Teachers, sundry persons	1,798.25	
Superintendent's Salary	6,108.27	
Superintendent's Travel	521.00	
Music, Mrs. Clara Cook	1,833.63	
Health, sundry persons	2,713.33	
Supt. Office Help, sundry persons	2,796.55	
Janitors' Salaries, sundry persons	10,804.02	
Household Arts Salaries, sundry persons	2,986.93	
Rinehart Handwriting	600.00	
Band Supervision	350.00	
Transportation, sundry persons	31,734.70	148,833.07
Expenses		
School Committee's Salaries, sundry persons	325.00	
Expenses of School Committee, sundry persons	30.00	355.00
Health		
Dr. James L. Collard, School Physician	300.00	
Tirzah Juskalian, School Nurse, travel	120.00	
Expenses, sundry persons	301.15	721.15
Janitors' Supplies, sundry persons		4,819.19
New Equipment, sundry persons		163.53
Superintendent's Expenses, sundry persons		611.33
Telephone Expense, New England Tel. & Tel. Co.		187.52
Fuel, Center, Cold Spring, High School, Franklin, sundry persons		6,102.27
Teachers' Expense, sundry persons		153.15
Instructional Supplies, Paper, Books, etc., sundry persons		5,619.56
Repairs and Replacement, all 4 school buildings, sundry persons		2,883.27
Law, Morse & Morse		40.33
Miscellaneous Account, sundry persons		674.00

Transportation, educational trips, sundry persons		44.50
Household Arts, supplies, sundry persons		1,041.09
Library, sundry persons		275.49
Capital Outlay, sundry persons		561.05
Total for Schools		$173,085.50
SCHOOL LUNCH PROJECT		
Labor, kitchen help, sundry persons	7,512.26	
Supplies, sundry persons	13,346.82	20,859.08
INTEREST		
First National Bank of Boston School Loans, Sewer Loan of 1949	8,393.00	
Palmer National Bank Sewer Loan 1952, Fire Apparatus Loan	370.00	8,763.00
Total expenses for year ending December 31, 1955		$555,449.71
Cash in Treasury on December 31, 1955		97,064.36
		$652,514.07

I hereby certify the foregoing information to be complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Eleanor V. Sporbert
Town Accountant

Report of Finance Committee

Account	Appropriations 1955		Recommended 1956	
Selectmen:				
Chairman	$325.00		$325.00	
Clerk	275.00		275.00	
Other Member	275.00		275.00	
Expenses	200.00		200.00	
Town Accountant:				
Salary	650.00		650.00	
Expenses	50.00		75.00	
Town Treasurer:				
Salary	1,200.00		1,250.00	
Expenses	550.00		540.00	
Town Collector:				
Salary	1,500.00	(no fees)	1,500.00	(no fees)
Expenses	765.00		725.00	
Town Clerk:				
Salary	800.00	(no fees)	850.00	(no fees)
Expenses	250.00		120.00	
Assessors:				
Chairman	400.00		500.00	
Other member	300.00		400.00	
Other member	300.00		400.00	
Expenses	500.00		600.00	
Election and Registration	650.00		1,200.00	
Certification of Notes	10.00		10.00	
Law	250.00		600.00	
Town Hall	600.00		800.00	
Lawrence Memorial Hall	400.00		400.00	
American Legion Hdqtrs.	350.00		410.00	

Account	Appropriations 1955	Recommended 1956
Police	2,600.00	3,400.00
Fire Department	2,850.00	2,865.00
Forest Fires	1,500.00	1,500.00
Hydrant Service	1,500.00	1,500.00
Moth Suppression	800.00	800.00
Dutch Elm Disease	1,000.00	1,000.00
Tree Warden	1,200.00	1,200.00
Sealer Weights & Measures	100.00	100.00
Inspector of Wires (salary)	150.00	150.00
Civil Defense	1,200.00	1,195.00
Health	1,000.00	750.00
Sewers—Maintenance	3,600.00	3,600.00
Highways—Snow	3,500.00	3,500.00
Highways—Streets	2,295.00	2,300.00
Highways—Bridges	1,500.00	1,500.00
Highways—Sidewalks	100.00	100.00
Cleaning & Repairing Water Holes	300.00	300.00
Street Lights	3,079.00	3,300.00
Veterans' Aid	1,500.00	1,500.00
Public Welfare—Salaries:		
Chairman	175.00	175.00
Other member	125.00	125.00
Other member	125.00	125.00
Public Welfare District	1,581.82	1,500.00
Public Welfare—General Relief	1,000.00	1,500.00
Old Age Assistance	37,000.00	36,000.00
Disability Assistance	2,500.00	3,000.00
Aid to Dependent Children	2,500.00	1,500.00
Schools	173,924.00	185,192.00
Vocational Education	2,000.00	4,000.00
Clapp Memorial Library	700.00	700.00
Parsons Recreation Field	300.00	350.00
Summer Recreation Program	725.00	350.00
Insurance	7,000.00	4,700.00
Memorial Day	200.00	200.00
Veterans Day	60.00	60.00
Photostats of Discharges	25.00	10.00

Account	Appropriations 1955	Recommended 1956
Town Dump	325.00	325.00
Town Clock	100.00	100.00
Belchertown Common	150.00	225.00
Unclassified	700.00	700.00
Reserve Fund	3,500.00	3,500.00
Cemeteries	1,200.00	1,200.00
Soldiers' Graves	250.00	250.00
Interest	8,763.00	8,192.00
Maturing Debt	26,000.00	26,000.00
Retirement Payments	964.05	1,622.88
War Memorial	500.00	500.00
Planning Board		300.00

Art. 5—$34,325.00. Art. 6—$3,000.00. Art. 7—$1,000.00. Art. 8—$5,300.00. Art. 9—$325.00. Art. 11—$200.00. Art. 14—$803.43. Art. 15—$500.00. Art. 16—$1,000.00, Art. 17—$800.00. Art. 18—$125.00 Art. 21—$462.77. Art. 24—$500.00 Art. 25—$400.00.

SIDNEY W. WHEELER, Ch.
ELLIOTT S. CORDNER
ROMEO J. JOYAL
STANFORD J. HARRINGTON
EARL R. HOWLAND

Finance Committee

Town Warrant

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING FEBRUARY 6 AND 13, 1956

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
HAMPSHIRE, SS.

To any of the constables of the Town of Belchertown, in said County, GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn all the inhabitants of the Town of Belchertown, qualified to vote in elections of town officers, to meet at the several polling places in said Belchertown, designated by the Selectmen, to wit:

IN PRECINCT A, at Lawrence Memorial Hall in Jabish Street.

IN PRECINCT B, at the Franklin School Building in Franklin Street, South Belchertown, on Monday, the sixth day of February, A. D. 1956, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to give in their votes on one ballot to precinct officers of the several polling precincts of said Town for the following officers, to wit, a Moderator, a Town Clerk, a Treasurer, a Tree Warden, Selectman, and five Constables, each for one year; a Collector of Taxes and Town Collector, a Selectman, a School Committee member, a Cemetery Commissioner, an Assessor, and Sewer Commissioner, each for three years; one Planning Board member for five years.

The polls will be open at nine o'clock in the forenoon and closed at seven o'clock in the evening.

And you are further hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Belchertown qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Lawrence Memorial Hall in said Belchertown, on Monday, the thirteenth day of February, A. D. 1956, at seven-thirty o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles, viz:

Art. 1. To choose the following named officers by nomination: two Almoners of the Whiting Street and the Mrs. Susan M. D. Bridgman Funds, each for one year; one trustee of the Calvin Bridgman Fund for three years.

Art. 2. To hear the reports of the officers of the town and of any committees that may have been appointed by the town and act thereon.

Art. 3. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as shall be deemed necessary to defray the expenses listed in the Finance Committee report for the current financial year and act thereon.

Art. 4. To see if the town will vote to give to Clapp Memorial Library the balance of the dog license fund after damages are paid, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 5. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 81 Highways, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 6. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 90 Highway construction, on Chauncey D. Walker Street, (Route 21—Turkey Hill Road), or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 7. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 90 Maintenance, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 8. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from the Road Machinery Earnings Account the sum of $5,300.00 to the Road Machinery Expense Account, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 9. To see if the town will authorize the payment of $325.00 for the salaries of the School Committee for the ensuing year, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 10. To see if the town will vote to allow the Cemetery Commissioners to appoint themselves to work in the cemeteries at a rate not to exceed one dollar per hour for the year 1956, as provided for in the General Laws, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 11. To see if the town will vote to authorize the payment of $200.00 for salaries of the Sewer Commissioners for the year ensuing, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 12. To see if the town will vote to allow the Sewer Commissioners to appoint themselves to work on the town sewer system at a rate not to exceed $1.50 per hour for the year 1956, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 13. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of revenue of the municipal year beginning January 1, 1956, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 14. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from the Insurance Reserve Account the sum of $803.43 to the Insurance Account, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 15. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the War Memorial Fund, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 16. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the improvement of a section of George Hannum Street, a public way, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 17. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the improvement of a section of Cold Spring Road, a public way, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 18. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the erection of a fence along the boundary of Mt. Hope Cemetery, said fence to be constructed along the outer line of the section acquired in 1954, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 19. To see if the town will vote to establish the price of the cemetery lots in Mt. Hope Cemetery, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 20. To see if the town will vote to install a Street Light in front of the residence of Lincoln A. Cook, on Main Street, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 21. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums for bills incurred in 1955:

Ernest M. Gay—Police	$21.95
Clarence Hubbard—Police	82.00
Wallace F. Chevalier—Police	38.85
Albert M. Dudek—Police	22.00
American LaFrance Foamite Corp.—Fire Dept.	98.97
Worcester County Electric Co.—Fire Department	45.30
New England Telephone & Telegraph—Fire Dept.	31.70
Lewis H. Blackmer—Town Accountant, Expense	12.00
H. E. Kimball & Sons—Sewers	110.00

Art. 22. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Moderator to appoint a committee of not less than three nor more than five members, none of whom occupy administrative positions in the town government, for the purpose of making a survey and thorough study of all departments and provisions for the public safety of the residents of Belchertown, with a view to determining possible ex-

pansion, more efficient and economical methods of providing such services. Said committee shall report its findings at the next annual town meeting, together with its recommendations for action by the town as the committee may deem necessary, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 23. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to sell to the highest bidder, the following articles: one coal type loader and one Worthington Compressor, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 24. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the printing and publishing of the 1955 Assessed Valuations, to include Real, Personal, and Poll Tax assessments, so that each taxpayer may have a copy; such distribution to be under the guidance of the Board of Assessors, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 25. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for repairing the exterior of Lawrence Memorial Hall, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 26. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury, a sum of money for the Elementary School Building Account, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 27. To see if the town will vote to appropriate an amount as recommended by the Finance Committee from Surplus Revenue to be used by the Assessors in establishing the tax rate for 1956, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 28. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one at the Town Hall, one at Lawrence Memorial Hall, one at Union School at Dwight, and one at Keyes Hotel at South Belchertown, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at or before the time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this nineteenth day of January, A. D. 1956.

JOHN W. AVERY
CHARLES F. AUSTIN
Selectmen of Belchertown

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